



The Curious Case of Lower Campus

by Shannon Cordeiro '11
News Staff

Next time you're walking from Feinstein down to Huxley Avenue, take notice that you are walking past what used to be called the "Sisters of Good Shepherd," a house for delinquent women. Providence College was known for housing a hospital, a morgue, and a ward for patients with psychological disorders. Only in the 20th century did it actually become the academic institution we know it as today. On Oct. 27, students joined Dr. Donna T. McCaffrey, assistant professor of history, to hear about this spooky history of Providence College.

McCaffrey took students back in time to the 1950s, the decade of a polio epidemic in

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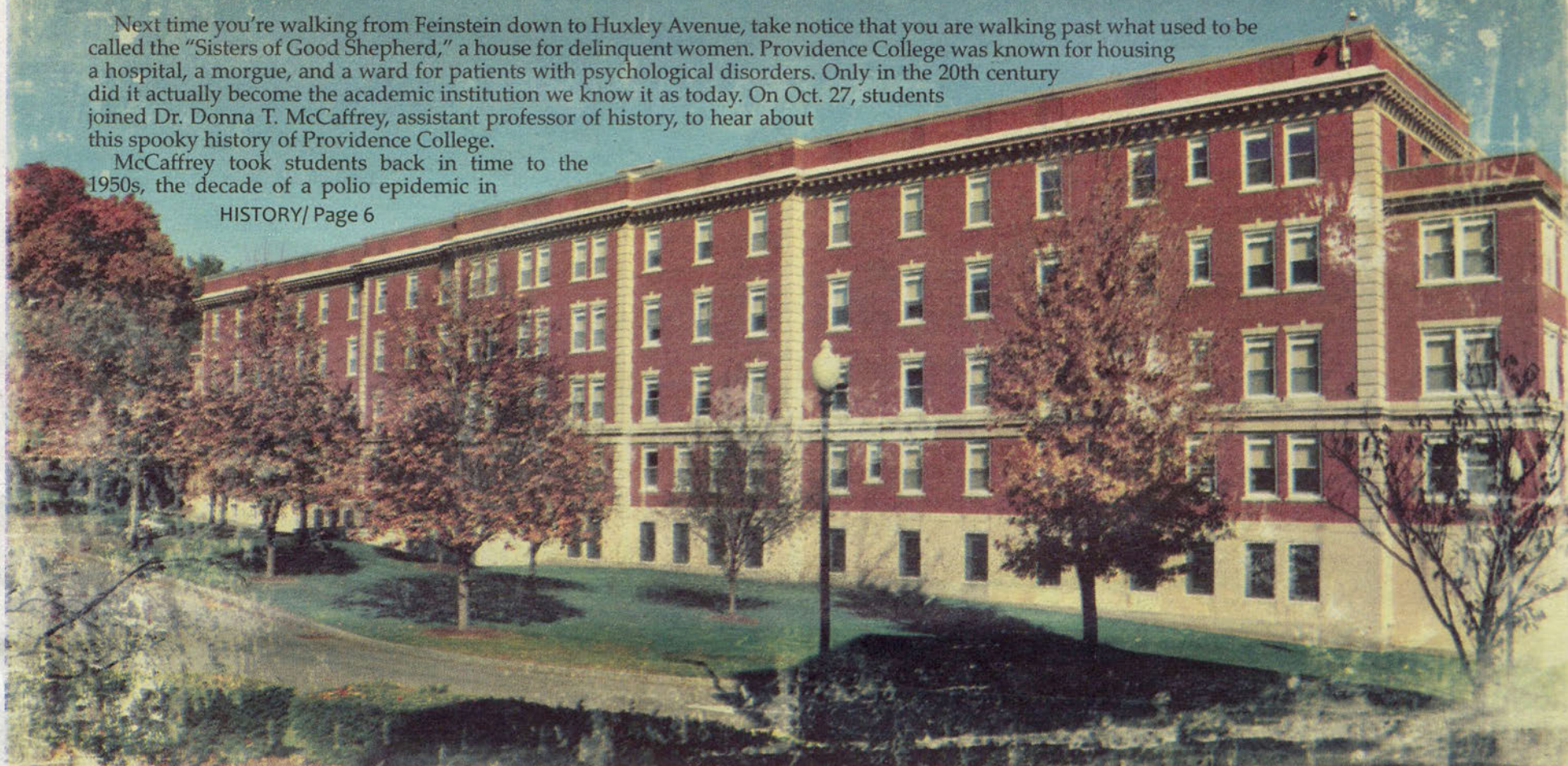


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Unburying Issues of Race and Gender

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CAMPUS NEWS

Five years ago, CNN reporter Wolf Blitzer controversially described victims of Hurricane Katrina as "so poor and so black," while Barbara Bush downplayed the conditions of Katrina victims who she deemed as "underprivileged anyways."

As these statements about Hurricane Katrina by Blitzer, Bush, and other public figures made headlines in 2005, "issues of race and class certainly rose to the forefront." However, Dr. Avis A. Jones-DeWeever, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women, began her presentation Examining Race and Gender at Times of Disaster with a simple quote stated by a 66 year-old

Katrina survivor: "We down here have been forgotten," she said. This quote sparked DeWeever's interest in looking at the make up of these disasters along with the people who suffered from them.

DeWeever spoke about the nation's attitude towards disasters like Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti. Disasters easily become nothing but "a sad and but very distant memory," she said.

One thousand five hundred people were killed as a result of the hurricane, while one million were displaced and 100 more are still missing.

"This was by far the most costly natural disaster in our nation," DeWeever said.

Man-made disasters, in DeWeever's opinion, occur when the government fails to provide adequate solutions for their citizens pre and post disaster.

DeWeever's presentation depicted

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Grant Promotes Student Research

by Meghan Conway '12
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CAMPUS NEWS

Interested in doing research during your undergraduate studies? You are in luck. The Office of Academic Affairs and the Providence College Committee on Undergraduate Research (PC-CUR) has announced a grant program supporting individual undergraduate research.

The program was kicked off during the Spring 2010 semester. Since then, 13 projects have been funded from eight different academic departments at the College.

The development of this program began in 2007, when the College joined the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), a national organization for the

advancement of undergraduate research. CUR has members representing over 900 schools. In 2008, the College sent a team of faculty to a CUR workshop, where they learned ways to articulate goals for institutionalizing undergraduate research across the entire campus.

At the workshop, the team developed an action plan which was later presented at another workshop in Washington, D.C. Their plan was to create a small grants program at the College.

The Committee on Undergraduate Research has eight members. The chair of the committee is Jack Breen, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

"The first grant went to someone who sought funds to travel to Pittsburgh to go to the Andy Warhol museum

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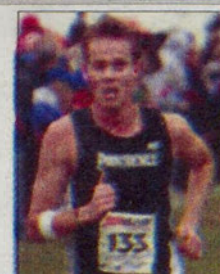
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Editor reviews PC Theater's performance of Hedda Gabler.

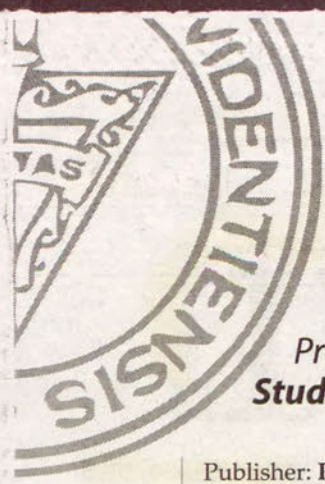
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Editor's Desk

The Cowl Represents PC at
National Media Convention

This week, a group of *Cowl* editors from various sections had the opportunity to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to represent Providence College at the National College Media Convention. While it was a great bonding experience for us and wonderful to explore a new city, we learned a great deal. We spent a lot of time sitting in seminars with fellow student colleagues and going over the technical details of newspaper writing and design, but it was our interactions with other students, and other newspapers that really made the greatest impact on us. Seeing *The Cowl* sitting on a table beside thousands of other student publications made us realize how impressive our newspaper is and just how much passion we have for what we produce.

Simple conversations with new friends from the other side of the country made us aware of just how many similar circumstances we face on a daily basis in this great endeavor to publish a student newspaper. One of the main things we all walked away with though, was how lucky we are as an organization to have so much support from our administration, our students and our advisor, in comparison to some of our peers across the country. We try very hard to publish a paper that is as factual and unbiased as possible; one that we are proud of, and one that echoes our personal mission statement, as well as that of a Catholic institution such as ours. Despite the fact that we are an organization associated with the school, we found our experiences with the administration to be so much more positive and lenient than those of our peers, and it made us very grateful for what we have here at Providence College.

-The Editors

CampusCalendar

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Showers 52° 37°	Partly 51° Cloudy 32°	Sunny 46° 32°	Sunny 51° 37°	Sunny 55° 40°	Mostly 61° Sunny 40°	Showers 55° 41°
7:00 p.m. Casino Night, '64 Hall 7:00 p.m. PC Men's Hockey vs. Merrimack, Schneider Arena 8:00 p.m. Glow Party, McPhail's	5:00 p.m. PC Women's Volleyball vs. Albany, Mullaney Gym 7:00 p.m. PC Men's Hockey vs. Vermont, Schneider Arena 8:00 p.m. The Warning Signs, McPhail's	2:00 p.m. PC Women's Hockey vs. Maine, Schneider Arena 8:00 p.m. Hedda Gabler, Angell Blackfriars Theatre	3:30 p.m. History Department Lecture Series, Feinstein 400 9:30 p.m. Group Fitness, Peterson Group Fitness Studio	5:30 p.m. Healthcare Leadership Forum, Feinstein 400 9:30 p.m. Group Fitness, Peterson Group Fitness Studio	6:30 p.m. Non-Traditional Student Celebration, McPhail's 7:30 p.m. Boston's Golden Era of Irish Music and Dance, Moore Hall II	5:00 p.m. BMSA Presents... Cheesfest, '64 Hall 9:00 p.m. Open Mic and Turkish Coffee Night, McPhail's

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Congress Members Raise Concerns

Student Congress Discusses PC Prints, Crochet for a Cause, and Judicial Concerns

by Kaitlyn Monast '13
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CAMPUS NEWS

Midway through the first semester, printers are still out of order, colored printers are unavailable, and there are still concerns being raised about the new printing system at Providence College. To answer all of their concerns and questions, Student Congress welcomed guest speaker Jim Rizzo, HelpDesk manager, during their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

Congress welcomed their guest speaker and began to ask Rizzo various questions. One member asked whether it was possible for printing off of Angel to bypass the printing system. Rizzo answered that was not technically possible.

Rizzo then responded to a member's question about the prices of printing. Rizzo explained to Congress that he was not sure where the prices for color printing pages came from, but he said the black and white was "pretty standard at other colleges." He also mentioned that it does cost a significant amount more for color ink and toner, which is included in the price per page.

Rizzo answered Congress members' concerns about the limit of thirty dollars by stating how the decision was not made by the IT department.

"The IT department had suggested for the first semester to be open printing, which would still have

students swipe and track," said Rizzo. "This would have allowed the school to determine how much money they should give students."

However, the decision was made with amounts based off of what Rizzo believed to be other school programs.

Students also asked about the possibility of some classes being given more printing money. Rizzo said this was not likely and that many of the problems had to be taken up academically. He said professors could print the pages for students and make copies.

Rizzo told Congress that "the majority of the faculty thought [the printing system] was great."

Jasiel Correia '13 raised concerns regarding charging students even though some pages do not print. Rizzo said there are always people available to help students. Correia suggested putting up a sign so students know who to go to if they require assistance.

Rizzo told Congress how the computers in Lower Slavin should be replaced this week, and he also mentioned how he is working on providing laptops with the ability to use the printers if connected to PC-Secure.

In response to one member's

“STUDIES SHOW HOW THERE IS NOT AS BIG AN IMPACT IF SANCTIONS ARE NOT DONE RIGHT AFTER THE ACT”

question as to whether the system was working, Rizzo said, "It is not scientific but there is an obvious decrease in the amount of paper waste I see."

After being discussed in the last

meeting, the Academic Calendar recommendation was unanimously passed by the Congress.

The recommendation for the block meal plan was also passed, with just one "nay."

There was a recommendation proposed to change the spring recess in the 2013-2014 school year from March 1-9 to March 25-23. This change would keep students on campus for mid semester

“IT IS NOT SCIENTIFIC, BUT THERE IS AN OBVIOUS DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF PAPER WASTE I SEE”

which is March 14, and would make it so students did not have midterms right when they returned from vacation.

Also proposed was a recommendation from Kenny Woodland '11. Woodland spoke about concerns with the judicial process at the College. Concerns had been raised about student's sanctions being due before their appeal process had been seen through.

Steve Sears, Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, spoke about this difficulty.

"Studies show how there is not as big an improvement if sanctions are not done right after the act," he said.

The discussion continued and friendly amendments were proposed.

The Congress then welcomed president of Crochet for a Cause, Amberly Glitz, to talk about Crochet for a Cause and to discuss it becoming a proposed club.

Glitz told the Congress that Crochet for a Cause is a service learning club.

Older members teach newer members how to crochet. The older members are trying to get newer members to the same level. Eventually, they will knit blankets to donate to certain organizations.

In the Congress' general announcements, the Class of 2011 spoke of plans with the class of 2014 to expand the PC Cash System. They are also looking into a rent-a-bike system and policies regarding teachers changing class times at the last minute.

Trick or Treat for Canned Goods announced

a total that nearly doubled that of last year. They raised 999 pounds of canned goods.

Congress also mentioned the Facebook page, Providence College Dining. For every twenty-five people that like the page "Providence College Dining," one family in need will receive a turkey.

Student Congress is currently seeking two additional committee members. One committee member is needed for Student Life. Student Life is responsible for addressing the needs of the student body. Their responsibilities include holding forums, conducting surveys, meeting with administrators, and passing legislation.

They are also looking for a committee member for Publicity. Publicity is a Web site-specific position that entails informing the student body of the Congress' undertakings. They also are responsible for gathering student feedback on issues for members of the Congress.

If interested, contact studentcongress@providence.edu, or visit Slavin LL21.

Rhode Island Makes History

Election Results Place Chafee, Cicilline, Langevin, and Taveras in the Lead

by Kaitlyn Monast '13
Asst. News Editor

ELECTION NEWS

Many televisions around campus were tuned to the news, watching results unfold from the 2010 elections.

For the first time in history, Rhode Island is welcoming an independent candidate as their governor. Lincoln D. Chafee, former U.S. senator and Warwick mayor, celebrated his victory late on election night after topping Republican John F. Robitaille.

After a nail-biting count beginning with Robitaille in the lead, results showed Chafee as governor with 123,398 votes total, leading Robitaille by fewer than three percentage points.

Through his candidacy, Chafee's main push was the controversial one percent sales tax increase that is estimated to create \$89.4 million in potential revenue. Many voters welcomed his honesty, even though other candidates criticized his choice.

Contrary to Chafee, Robitaille pushed to cut taxes, without saying from where. He also told supporters he would cut Rhode Island's spending, saying they had a revenue problem, not a tax problem.

Also in the running was Democrat Frank T. Caprio, Moderate Kenneth Block, and Independents Joseph M. Lusi, Todd Giroux, and Ronald Algieri. Caprio was once the front-runner of the campaign, but he slowly went downhill after telling President Barack

Obama to "really shove it" on a radio talk-show. Caprio would place behind Robitaille in third with 78,776 votes.

Providence Mayor, Democrat David N. Cicilline, took 50.6 percent of votes to beat Republican John Loughlin for Representative in Congress-District 1. Cicilline is the first openly gay mayor of a major capital, and is also the first openly gay member of Congress to represent Rhode Island.

The other candidates beat by Cicilline only accumulated less than five percent of the total votes.

Taking Cicilline's place as mayor Democrat Angel Taveras won in a landslide. Taveras is the first Hispanic mayor of Providence. Taveras won with 82.1 percent of votes.

Taveras' main proposal through his candidacy was his five point environmental plan that would reduce Providence's carbon footprint.

Representative in Congress-District 2 was also held by a Democrat, James R. Langevin. Langevin has held this position since 2001.

The rest of the results showed Democrat Elizabeth H. Roberts as Lieutenant Governor, Democrat A. Ralph Mollis as Secretary of State, Democrat Peter F. KilMartin as Attorney General, and Democrat Gina M. Raimondo as General Treasurer.

Also voted on in the election was four questions.

Question one proposed to have the state name changed. Rhode Island's name "the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," was

being proposed to change by taking "Providence Plantations."

Question two was proposing the authorization of the state to issue \$78 million in bonds and notes to fund projects in two state schools, Rhode Island College, and the University of Rhode Island.

Question three proposed to give \$80 million to highways, roads, and

bridges, as well as more funding to the busing system.

Question four proposed to issue \$14.7 million to buy the rest of Rocky Point Amusement Park. The state would preserve the park for public use.

Rhode Island voters passed questions two, three, and four, but rejected question one.

1 The number of first time Hispanic mayors, Independent Party governors, and openly gay Congress Representatives newly elected

84 The percentage points between newly elected governor Chafee, and second place Robitaille after ballots were counted

3 The amount of millions in revenue Chafee hopes to raise after implementing his 1% sales tax increase

PC for Life Planning Annual March

College Gives Students the Chance to Walk for Their Beliefs in Washington, DC

by Ryan Post '14
News Staff

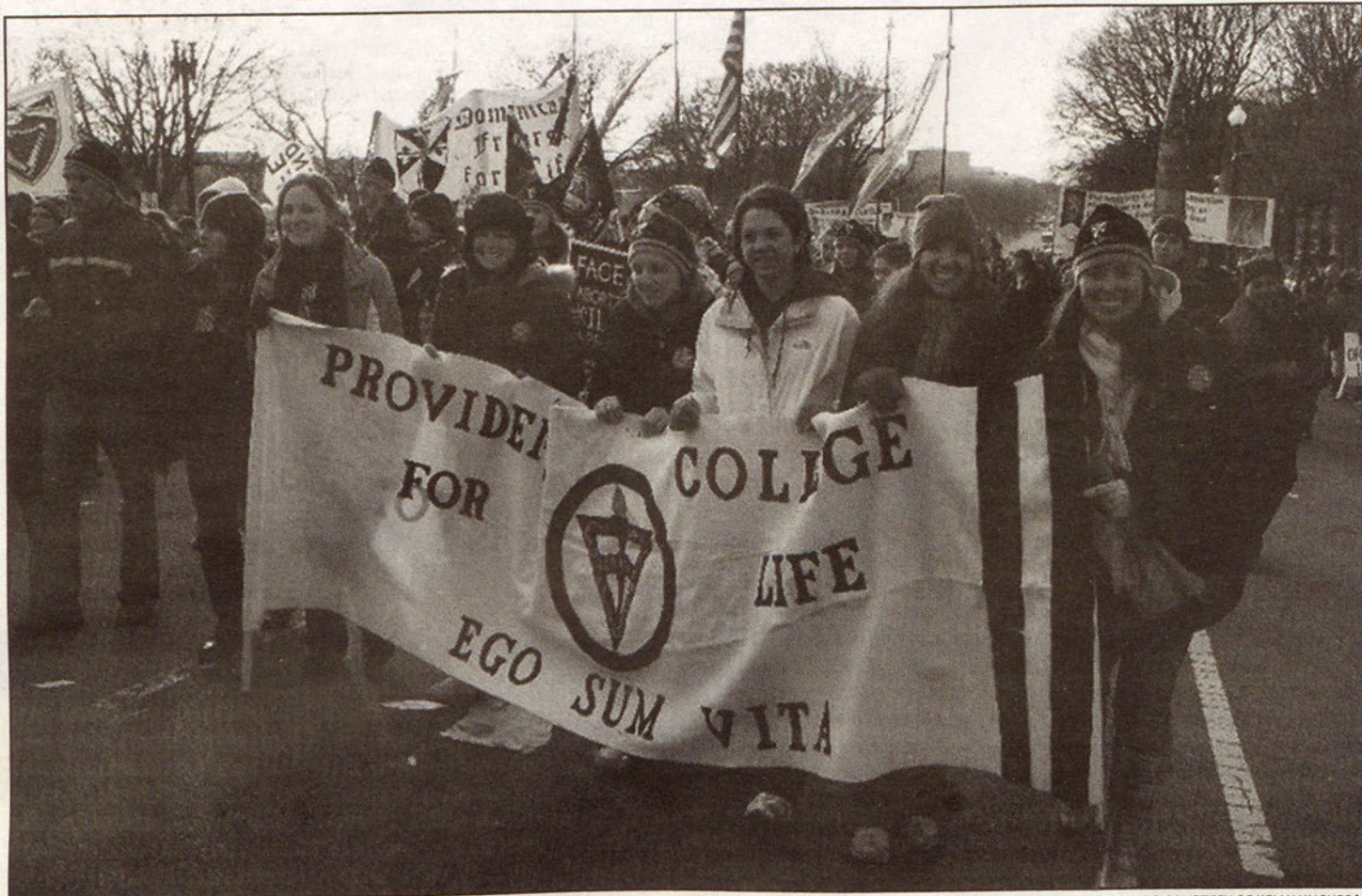
CAMPUS NEWS

Thirty seven years have passed and arguments are still blaring from both sides. Jan. 23, 1973, marked one of the most significant and controversial dates in the history of the American judicial system as Roe v. Wade was passed, legalizing abortion. Each year on this date, thousands of supporters of the pro-life cause march in downtown Washington, D.C. to show their resentment toward legalized abortion and call for the nearly four-decade old ruling to be reversed.

The tradition started in January of 1974 when the newly formed March for Life group recruited approximately 20,000 men and women to march together in protest of the year-old Supreme Court decision. The annual event still continues with recent numbers of up to around 400,000 marchers, according to the organization's website.

Among those marching on Washington this year will be students from Providence College's PC for Life group, an organization whose mission is "to promote the pro-life cause through volunteering at crisis pregnancy centers and educating people as to what being pro-life entails," said PC for Life coordinator, Joanna Scimeca '11. Scimeca said that this year PC for Life is concentrating on the message that being pro-life is also being pro-woman.

As coordinator of PC for Life, Scimeca is also in charge of organizing the annual trip to the nation's capital. Scimeca began planning six months ago in May of this year, as she concentrated her efforts into calling parishes in the D.C. area looking for a place that the College's students could stay at on the eve of the March for Life. Scimeca said that without the influence of Fr. Michael J. Cuddy, chaplain of Campus Ministry, the students would have had to stay in Arlington, VA,



Students sport banner to show their support for Pro Life initiatives in our nation's capital.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY HUGHES '11

about five miles and twenty minutes outside of downtown D.C., which would have created transportation and time management problems for the students on the pilgrimage. However, Cuddy used his influence to gain permission for the College's students to spend the night at the Dominican House of Studies (DHS), a location only two blocks from the National Mall, said Scimeca.

After months of preparation, the itinerary of the event is in its final stages. Scimeca said that students will travel south on Sunday, Jan. 23 via bus, and upon arrival in the city, will attend a vigil Mass held at the Basilica of the National Shrine at Catholic University. Scimeca said that on that night, students will have the opportunity to dine with hundreds

of other college-aged pilgrims at Catholic University, followed by an early breakfast with Dominican friars at the DHS.

Later that day, students will join a crowd of about 400,000 marching down the National Mall in peaceful protest. Scimeca was among the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims last year, and described the experience as "scary because of the sheer amount of people but at the same time powerful, because it gives us hope and lets us know that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, even if it is a bit disheartening that such a large demonstration won't be on the news."

Currently, there are about 45 open seats on the second bus to D.C., however, Scimeca said that this bus will not be allowed to make the trip

if it does not fill to capacity in time. Therefore, she and PC for Life are encouraging interested students to sign up in the Campus Ministry Center on a sign-up sheet located just outside the secretary's office. "I'd encourage anyone interested to come because the experience is worth every minute of the eight hour bus ride, and the whole event is a 48-hour bond-a-thon with classmates," said Scimeca.

Scimeca said that students should expect the cost of the two-day trip to be about \$60, a fee subject to decrease depending on the availability of funding from the College. "We know that money is tight with college students, so we're currently working on obtaining extra funding from the administration," said Scimeca.

Going Bananas: ROTC Hosts Annual Halloween Run

by Ryan Post '14
News Staff

CAMPUS NEWS

ROTC participates in daily morning runs as part of their rigorous exercise training and has developed the tradition of inviting the College's civilian students to join them each Halloween.

One participant, Stacy Thomas '14, said she was motivated to wake up early because "free clothes were promised. I'm staying off a freshman fifteen, and why would anyone pass up an opportunity to dress like Harry Potter?"

In addition to clothing, participants were given free breakfast on Slavin Lawn after the conclusion of their run around campus.

The most amusing costume coordination, according to Thomas, was "the numerous monkeys and the one banana; they even 'fought' over the banana and had a dance routine."

While seven-thirty is too early for most college students to partake in a cardiovascular work-out, those who ran with the rising sun Friday, Oct. 29 found the overall experience rewarding.

"Even though it was seven-thirty in the morning and I was running on five hours of sleep, the exercise and constant singing energized me," said Thomas, in retrospect on her participation in ROTC's October tradition.

Did you find yourself spontaneously waking up around seven-thirty in the morning this past Friday? If so, you can thank the Providence College Patriot Battalion and their annual Halloween Run.

The College's ROTC members and about 40 students forced themselves out of bed to participate in one of the campus' strangest Halloween traditions.

Students dressed as Dominican friars, Hogwarts students, and various other characters, jogged around campus chanting a myriad of army-related cadences.

The runners seemed eager to inform sleeping students of the event they were missing out on as one runner on the quad shouted, "There are still people sleeping; let's sound off again."

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S.H.E.P.A.R.D. Responds to Recent Suicides

by Jordan Frias '11
Asst. News Editor

CAMPUS NEWS

Tyler Clementi made headline news when he committed suicide at Rutgers University in September. Shortly after, more suicides were reported among gay teens.

Providence College's group S.H.E.P.A.R.D., Stopping Homophobia, Ending Prejudices, And Restoring Dignity, decided to do something about these occurrences at the College.

S.H.E.P.A.R.D. addressed the issues of bullying against homosexuals at their weekly meeting.

"That meeting was a lot more difficult for people," said S.H.E.P.A.R.D. president Nichole Gauthier '11. "People got into advocacy mode."

S.H.E.P.A.R.D. members felt a need to take more initiative in educating the Providence College community on issues of gay rights. Ray tables were booked the week of Oct. 18 to provide students with information about their club, and to explain what resources they provide to students.

That same week, they promoted the initiative to wear purple on Oct. 20 to commemorate those who were victims of suicide.

According to Gauthier, administrators and other department heads have been getting involved with LGBT issues.

Fr. Michael J. Cuddy, O.P., chaplain of Campus Ministry, has been vital in helping the group plan a candlelight vigil for suicide victims. The vigil will

take place tonight at 7 p.m. outside St. Dominic Chapel. Steve Sears, dean of students, also e-mailed the group thanking them for what they have done for students so far.

S.H.E.P.A.R.D. has also been planning more events this semester.

On Oct. 18, S.H.E.P.A.R.D. hosted a National Coming Out Day Coffeehouse. Gauthier said there was a "huge turnout" at this event and that more people were willing to speak about their experiences in light of recent events.

S.H.E.P.A.R.D. members also attended a candlelight vigil at Brown University on Oct. 4, which inspired them to sponsor one of their own at Providence College.

Brian Gay '11, secretary of S.H.E.P.A.R.D., explained how some of his club members openly expressed their discomfort with being homosexual on the PC campus after this event.

He and Gauthier are optimistic that S.H.E.P.A.R.D. will provide more services for the LGBT community, and also make students aware of what they do.

"[Students] know we do Day of Silence and we're the gay club and that's about it," said Gay. "[Our mission is] to recognize the dignity of all people regardless of what their identity is."

He believes that tragedies like the Rutgers suicide bring light to LGBT issues that affect a majority of people regardless of their sexuality.

"When events like this happen, it doesn't just impact the individual or our community, [it impacts] whoever knows the person and people not even involved with LGBT people," Gay said.

S.H.E.P.A.R.D. meets on Mondays at 8 p.m. in Feinstein 403. All are invited to attend.

RESEARCH: College Starts Program Granting Students Semester of Research

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to do research for their paper," said Breen. "I was so impressed by this."

Breen stressed the importance of undergraduate research being available to all majors, not just science majors.

"Undergraduate research is very commonplace in the science world, but much less so when you go elsewhere on campus," said Breen. "And we want it to be everywhere, this program is for everyone."

In order for a student to be funded, he or she must be a junior or senior and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Students seeking research support must have a full-time faculty member as their mentor, preferably from a course in which they are currently enrolled. The application includes a letter to the PC-CUR, describing the research project and a detailed budget for the requested funds. At least four members of the PC-CUR must give consent.

Kaitlyn Order '12, a biology major, is currently one of the students participating in the program. She chose to research reproductive conflicts among wasps. Her work includes using genetic markers to distinguish relatedness among wasps of sample nests that were collected to help explain unique reproductive behaviors. Her faculty mentor is Elisabeth Arevalo, Ph.D., Department of Biology.

"I get to study factors, like genetics, on a molecular level to help explain the wasps' behavior," said Order. "Doing research allows me to gain a greater amount of knowledge on a specific project or area within biology."

Students from all academic disciplines

are encouraged to apply. Most funds are expected to be about \$500; however, they can be granted up to a maximum of \$1,000. These funds come from the Office of Academic Affairs.

"The average grant has been about \$600," said Breen. "We will fund every good project we can, as long as we have the money."

The undergraduate research grant program is tied to a semester timeline. As the initiative develops, it may evolve into a yearlong program. Grant recipients must write a final report at the end of their research, describing the results of their project, in addition to conducting a presentation of their research at an annual campus-wide undergraduate research forum.

"Someday we hope to have an office and support staff, as well as more places for students to showcase their work," said Breen. "We're working right now with the library to create a place where students' work can be archived."

PC-CUR has invited a dean from the College of Arts and Sciences at the College of William and Mary, to speak in March to motivate faculty to involve students in undergraduate research. Breen believes much of the success in undergraduate research is due to the student-faculty relationship.

"Whether these projects have come to a successful end is not important. What matters is that these students get intellectually engaged and take ownership of a project that is theirs."

Applications for participation in the Spring 2011 undergraduate research grant program are now being accepted.

Meditations Around the World

Philosophy Professor's European Travels Help Shape His Future Career at Providence College

by Micaela Cameron '13
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FEATURE TEACHER

Dr. Christopher Albrecht, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, is not only a professor of DWC and Philosophy of the Human Person but also a world traveler who has a background in the Dominican order.

Born in Seville, Spain, Albrecht lived in Nicaragua, Belgium, and the United States.

"My father was in the Foreign Service. We went to various countries. I was born in Spain, then moved to Nicaragua, and then went back to the United States for a while in Falls Church, Virginia. My family spent five years in Belgium when my father was assigned to Mission of Common Market in Belgium. It was good to experience European culture, with all the history, museums, castles, music, and culture," said Albrecht.

Of his many experiences abroad, Albrecht spoke highly of his experience in Belgium in particular.

"My favorite [experience] was living in Belgium. We lived outside of Brussels. It's right in the middle of Europe basically. It has a lot to offer culturally and scenically but also it's a good location because you are in the middle of Europe. North is Holland,

Germany; drive south, you're in France," said Albrecht.

Albrecht believes his experience living abroad in Europe helped to shape his career.

"Europe has a strong philosophic tradition. I became interested in European culture and history and through that I became interested in philosophy."

Albrecht attended Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Maryland. In high school he was a member of the junior varsity football team and the choir. Albrecht also had the rare opportunity to be on a television game show called "It's Academic."

"All the schools in the D.C. area had a quiz team, a three-person-team, and they would compete against other schools. I did that my senior year," said Albrecht.

After high school, Albrecht went on to attend Dickinson College, a small liberal arts college, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Albrecht majored in English and History while at Dickinson College.

"It was only towards my junior and senior years that I became interested in philosophy," said Albrecht.

Albrecht attended graduate school at the Catholic University of America. There, he received his philosophy doctorate and Ph.D.

Prior to working at the College, Albrecht explored many fields of work.

"When I graduated from college I worked for a Congress man from Illinois, Frank Annunzio. I worked on Capitol Hill for a while. I also worked for a cultural institution called the Asia

Society. It promotes Asian culture and history," said Albrecht.

Albrecht also taught at St. Basil College in Stamford, Connecticut.

"It's a Catholic, Ukrainian rite college seminary. It's for young men in the Ukrainian rite who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. It was mainly students from the Ukraine itself, but there were also students from Brazil. I taught them philosophy," said Albrecht.

Albrecht also has a connection to the College's Dominican background. He spent eight months discerning a vocation in the Dominican life.

"It was a good experience. Some of the professors at PC were in my Novitiate class. The novitiate, the year you spend before making vows, is

when you test a religious vocation. We followed the prayer hours, morning prayer, midday prayer, evening and night prayer. We had Mass everyday and had classes on religious topics, the psalms, the Dominican constitution, the Dominican rule. We had work assignments, I was assigned to a hospital and I would visit the patients and bring them the Eucharist. We also had assignments outside the parish like visiting the sick."

Albrecht spoke of his experience at the College.

"I am glad to be back at a Dominican atmosphere. I think it's great. I am very impressed by the enthusiasm and the willingness to learn of the students here and their diligence. I'm impressed by their politeness as well," said Albrecht.

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HISTORY: The Truth Behind Dore's High Ceilings, Wide Corridors, and Tunnels

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the United States. Since tiny Rhode Island was hit worst with this disease, polio victims flooded through the Dore wings, which once served an area set aside for quarantine. These wings are connected by tunnels that served as a network to roll the sick patients in for treatment and to transfer the deceased to the morgue. These downward sloping tunnels are a little wider than the Dore corridors and about the same height.

How are these tunnels used now? One platform houses the cleaning services offices. The other platform, which was once a morgue, with heavy doors and shelves, is now used solely by Physical Plant. The shelves that once supported bodies of the deceased are now used for tools and supplies. Up until a few decades ago, tours were provided for students during the Halloween season.

McCaffrey reminisces about how "Brother Kevin would tell wild stories. He would have the grown men weeping. He'd always pick those that he knew were not completely virtuous and bring them to tears." She goes on to assure that "we never lost anyone on the Halloween Haunted Tours."

So how did the combination of a hospital, a morgue, and a quarantine even become Providence College?



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Dr. McCaffrey spoke to students about the history of Providence College's lower campus.

The State originally owned the land that makes up Providence Hall was rented for \$1 a year for students.

"Students living in Fennell felt like the lost children," says McCaffrey.

Father Peterson acquired it and hired engineers to look at the building to ascertain whether or not the building should be torn down.

The engineer claimed that the building would last for another 200 years.

In 1971, Father Peterson became President of Providence College. This was the same year that Slavin was opened, the library became fully operative, and the Development of Western Civilization Program was instated. Discussion for entertaining the idea of a PC Law School was in effect, but because of the fire on Dec. 13, 1977, the law school idea was tabled for future approval.

McCaffrey claims that people do say that Dore has cold spots, perhaps due to a ghostly presence. She went on to share one of the biggest scares she has experienced in relation to these stories.

She says, "When I was director of residence, there was a mental patient who was foaming at the mouth sitting in the foyer of Dore. She made her way here from Butler."

However, McCaffrey asserts, "I don't know of any angry people who died here because of neglect."

There is no need for anyone to have nightmares over the series of events that were retold at the lecture. She continues, "You need to have a sense of humor. When you think you see someone you should say, 'Hi, how are you doing? I'm 'so and so' and it'll most likely go away." The lecture concluded with words of advice from McCaffrey: "be careful with those singles. Some interesting people have lived there."

Disaster: Focusing on the Forgotten

Speaker Raises Awareness About Populations Still Affected by Past Disasters

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photos of buildings that were destined to fail in the times of a storm and did just that when Katrina reached the lower 9th Ward.

The poor construction of the levees could not sustain the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Specifically, low income areas in New Orleans were "the areas that [were] the most vulnerable to flooding," DeWeever said.

According to DeWeever, the loss of media attention in both Katrina and Haiti has made many forget that these areas are still in need.

"[Katrina], as well as all disasters, takes years to recover from," said DeWeever.

In response to Barbara Bush's statement, which suggested that victims were better off in temporary shelters such as the Houston Astrodome, DeWeever said, "these people have just lost everything, everything they have known."

Issues of race also arose when people commented on the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Televangelist Pat Robertson blamed the people of Haiti for the earthquake they experienced.

"Apparently [Robertson believes] the Devil cursed them for revolting from oppression from the French," said DeWeever.

Even in times of disaster, DeWeever showed that prejudices still exist.

DeWeever spoke about how the media negatively portrayed blacks as "looters," making them look like thieves, rather than showing their desperate need to provide for their families.

"Is it wise to allow food to remain in



DeWeever describes how poorly built levees failed to protect the city of New Orleans.

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the grocery store if your children need it?" asked DeWeever.

She described the racial overtones

in normal circumstances and even further marginalized when disaster strikes. Their roles as caregivers for children and the elderly also make it less likely for them to leave or survive their situation after a disaster occurs.

According to DeWeever, women were put at risk every day after Hurricane Katrina because housing scarcity in New Orleans forced them

to have to move back into homes with violent partners, or into homes with many people whom they were not familiar with. Sexual assault was a "typical Katrina experience" for women because of limited housing, DeWeever said.

She also explained how some relief effort rules were sexist in terms of offering one voucher for mobile living to a man as the head of the household and not to a woman.

DeWeever talked about the Cholera outbreak in Haiti and how the spreading of this disease is a man-made issue because many still do not have adequate housing in Haiti.

She described the makeup of New Orleans now and how the population experienced a large loss of African Americans, poor people, and women. Almost half of the population of single mothers has disappeared from the city, while the black population has decreased by 24 percent. DeWeever found these numbers to be very disturbing. She believes that the people who make up the culture of New Orleans are no longer there to promote the pride and the customs of their city.

"It's almost as if [relief efforts] were designed to remove a specific population from New Orleans," DeWeever said.

DeWeever ended the discussion by focusing on what we can do as a nation to prevent man-made disasters from happening again. She suggests that we design disaster relief strategies that address the particular needs of women and make sure that relief funding trickles down to the people who need it the most.

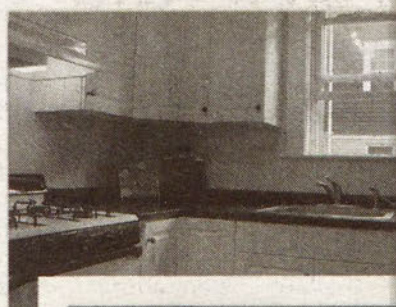
This event was put on by the Black Studies Department as part of a year-long series entitled, "When Disasters Happen."

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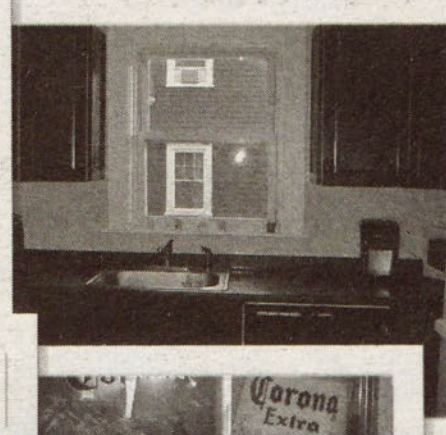
that stories like these had, blaming the media for perpetuating negative outlooks on race.

DeWeever also tackled the issue of gender in times of disaster. She described how women are limited

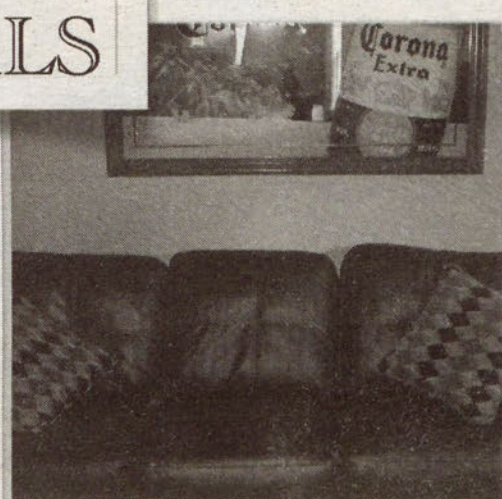
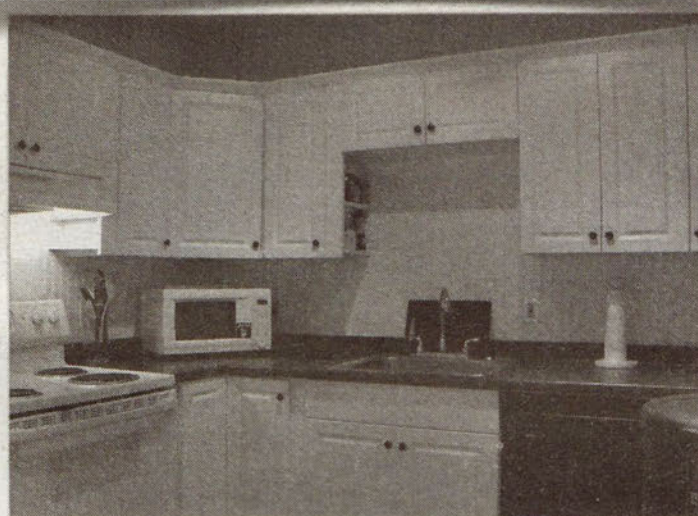
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Uganda's Anti-Homosexual Campaign

by Bill Pursell '11
World Staff

UGANDA

Ugandan newspaper, *Rolling Stone* (no affiliation to the U.S. magazine), ran a front page article listing the top 100 gay Ugandans. This article carried on to show the pictures and addresses of these alleged homosexuals.

Alongside the heading "top 100 gay Ugandans," Giles Muhame, the editor of *Rolling Stone*, also approved the words "hang them." He assures that this does not call for vigilante violence or that any supposed accounts are connected to his article. Instead, he says he hoped it would push police to investigate and punish those depicted with hanging.

Regardless of its intention, this article has caused homosexuals, including Stosh Mugisha, one of the men listed in the paper, to live a life of fear from vigilante justice. "People were throwing stones through the gate," says Mugisha about an instance occurring soon after the article's publication, "they were shouting, 'Homosexual homosexual!' I started getting scared," as quoted by CNN.

When asked about why someone would print such a hateful and incriminating article against gays, Muhame said that he needed to help rid the world of this disease.

The article is shocking to say the least, but it only represents the tip of



Supporters of the anti-homosexual legislation rally in the streets of Uganda.

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the iceberg floating towards Uganda. An anti-homosexual bill is now very close to passing in the Ugandan Parliament.

Ugandan MP David Bahati told CNN, "We are very confident because this is a piece of legislation that is needed in this country to protect the traditional family here in Africa, and also protect the future of our children."

If the bill is passed under its current state, it will consist of numerous penalties for different levels of homosexual activities, including seven years in prison for "attempt to commit homosexuality," five years for landlords who knowingly house gays, three years for anyone, including parents, who fail to hand gay children over to the police

within 24 hours, and for the extradition of gay Ugandans living abroad. Should any gay or lesbian engage in sexual activity with someone under the age of 18, then that person will receive death by hanging.

Bahati defends the bill's stringency. "Well, it can sound tough to some people but it's acceptable to our community here. Remember that here in Uganda, 95 percent of our population does not support homosexuality," as quoted in *ABC News*.

Among the biggest supporters is Pastor Martin Ssempe. He has gained a reputation for discussing grotesque topics related to homosexuality.

Large initial support for this bill came

in the form of religious outreach from the United States. Several American evangelicals went to Uganda and spoke at a conference called the "Seminar on Exposing the Homosexual Agenda." A few months later, this bill was created.

One of the speakers was Scott Lively, a pastor from Springfield, MA, and also the author of a book called *The Pink Swastika*, which argues that the Nazi Party was a homosexual movement. Lively told reporters that he wanted to speak in Uganda in order to save them from suffering a similar fate as the United States.

"These are good Christians - better Christians than there are here in the states," says Lively, "They care about each other. And I think the reason they're pushing so hard on this law is that they don't want to see what happened to our country happen over there," as quoted by *ABC News*.

Lively told the conference that homosexuals have an agenda aimed at corrupting heterosexuals: "...when a significant amount of homosexuals view a child from a broken home, it's like they have a flashing neon sign over their head." Thus, Lively suggests homosexuality is passed like a disease from carrier to innocent victim.

Many governments and human rights groups supplying aid to Uganda applied great pressure to halt this bill after it was proposed in 2009. The bill was shelved for a while but has since gained enough ground that it seems likely to become Ugandan law in the very near future.

Earthquake, Volcano, & Tsunami

by Kevin Cassidy '11
World Staff

INDONESIA

Mount Merapi's multiple volcanic eruptions and the Mentawai Islands' tsunami in West Sumatra have caused significant amounts of damage to the country of Indonesia, which is located in South-East Asia. New reports indicate that nearly 400 citizens are confirmed dead. The country faced the waves of the tsunami approximately an hour after the initial vibrations of the earthquake were felt. According to *The New York Times*, on Oct. 26, NOAA reported that their ocean buoys suggest the tsunami had waves reaching nearly ten feet, which were much larger than the 7.7-magnitude earthquake normally created.

The central government of Indonesia has sent emergency aid and supplies to the region, mainly to the Mentawai Islands that were struck hardest by the disasters. The area is filled with several villages spread throughout the region, causing rescue workers to struggle in reaching the injured civilians. The journey to these remote villages takes nearly four hours by boat in rough seas and additional time on roads that are in poor condition. "We are very confused on how to deliver the aid. We have the logistics aid and hundreds of volunteers who are ready to lend their hands to the disaster sites. But we can't transport them," Mentawai Natural Disaster Mitigation

Agency's co-coordinating unit officer, Masrizal, stated, according to *The New York Times*.

Indonesia is known to be a place of beauty and disasters, with the largest economy in South-East Asia. The land is a prime tourist location, but its economy will be severely damaged due to the deteriorating roadways and the lack of important disaster-management technology. This absence of technology was visible when the tsunami warning alarm began malfunctioning in 2009 and was never repaired or updated, causing the alarm to sound late last week. The country's infrastructure is rarely maintained, causing daily traffic jams for citizens of Indonesia that halt business and hurt the use of public transportation.

The country evacuated 48,000 citizens but has only arranged for seven shelters to be built, which can accommodate about 12,000 people. Rescue workers have reached 13 villages, but there are still 11 left to locate. They will then be provided with food, medicine, and clothing. Providing them with medical attention is extremely challenging because of the remote locations of the villages that prevent cars from entering these regions.

NOAA experts have confirmed that the earthquake was an aftershock from the 8.4-magnitude Sumatran quake on Sept. 12, 2007. The experts are unable to predict the next earthquake, which could strike in 30 minutes or 30 years. Four aftershocks were felt on Thursday and Friday morning. The last major earthquake to strike the region was in 2004 when a tsunami killed



Residents are shown fleeing from their village after the eruption of Mount Merapi.

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over 226,000 people across Asia.

According to *AOL News*, a local fisherman in Indonesia witnessed the waves beginning to head toward the coast. He said, "suddenly trees, houses and all things in the village were sucked into the sea and nothing was left." He cannot believe the damage to the villages due to the disasters and is currently struggling to make a living because his boat was destroyed by the waves.

Mount Merapi has a special relationship with the people of Indonesia because the area is home to three major religions that mix with intensity and proximity. The annual ritual of Labuhan is celebrated each year on the flanks of the volcano. The leader of the ceremonies, Penewu Suraksohargo,

considered the gatekeeper and protector of the area, died last week with thirteen other people when the volcano erupted and sent super-heated ash to overtake their homes. Indonesians believe the leader of the ceremonies, Mr. Mardijan, had a special spiritual connection with the volcano. The Indonesian people believe the disaster could have been much worse, but Mr. Mardijan's refusal to leave his home stopped the volcano from causing further damage.

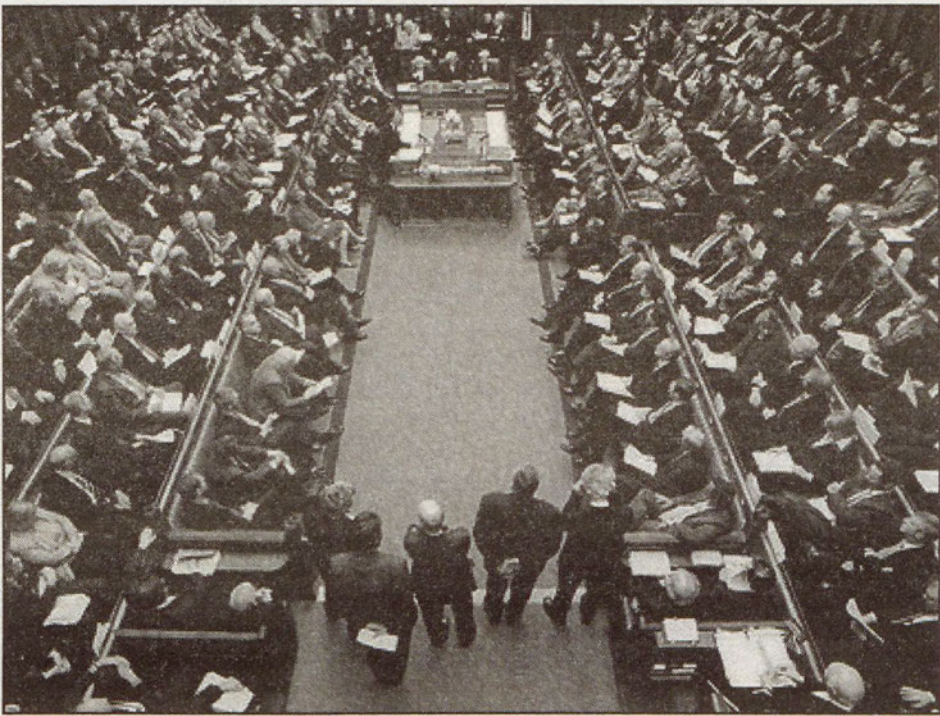
The scary realization for the citizens of Indonesia is the fact that another earthquake and tsunami could cause further damage to the region over the next few months. The economy is already struggling and will continue to have recovery complications.

Parliament Proposes Housing Bill

by Becca Larrive '13
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UNITED KINGDOM

As the current economic recession drags on, governments around the world are struggling to provide aid to their citizens while maintaining stability. Many governments have been forced to reduce or completely remove programs that provide aid to low income or unemployed individuals. This removal or decrease has caused public discontent around the world. One area in particular affected by this tragedy is London. Currently, the British government sponsors a system of benefits for all those who struggle to pay rent due to low incomes. According to the BBC, the system of benefits is determined by income, not wages, and the content of one's savings account. Although the specifications vary from county to county, a person with an average income of under £16,000 (about \$25,700) is eligible for aid from the government to meet rent requirements. Recipients have their choice of housing and can live in flats, houses, hostels, or any other form of housing as long as their payments are administered to a landlord. The money is not allowed to be used for day-to-day expenses, mortgage payments, or utilities. There are also restrictions placed on housing units within each county that stipulate the cost of rent. Currently, 50 percent of spaces available for lodging have a rent that is at or lower than awarded benefits. Recipients of benefits are also allowed to live in residences that are slightly greater than their benefits



Parliament has proposed to cut the amount of aid given to families struggling to pay rent.

award but are responsible for the difference between the benefits and the cost of housing. Current legislation proposed by the government would cut the amount of aid paid to families, depending on the type of housing required by the family. The newly proposed cap would set benefits at £250 (\$400) a week for one bedroom and up to £400 (\$640) for a four bedroom property. Unfortunately, this cutback would change the ratio of affordable housing within the country and particularly within London. If this legislation is passed, only 30 percent of available housing will fall at or beneath the benefit payments. The remaining 70

percent would be unaffordable to the majority because they would require an additional weekly payment along with the benefits check. Those hardest hit would be the people who reside in London where the percentage of available housing that falls at or below benefits sits at 50 percent. The suggested legislation would drop this number to only seven percent. Other major cities around England including Leeds, Manchester, and Liverpool would also be hit hard by changes where between 10,000 and 15,000 families would suffer decreases in benefits and might be forced to leave their homes. Many people have spoken out against the change, saying that it discriminates

against the poor and makes it difficult for them to live in urban areas. According to the BBC, members of the Labour party have stated that they view this proposal as a step toward "ethnic cleansing of the poor from expensive areas." Others, such as Campbell Rob, are "[C]oncerned that this could mean tens of thousands of households forced from the centre, creating concentrations of poverty and inequality, along with adding to the already significant levels of homelessness and overcrowding in the city." Cambridge University has also conducted a study, released later this week, which projects that large areas in cities, especially London, will simply become "no go" areas due to high rents and decreases in aid, according to *The Guardian*. In total, this legislation would affect about 775,000 recipients of benefits. Government officials believe that this cap is necessary because the government currently spends £20 billion (\$32 billion) on current benefits. They argue that they have set aside £60 million to local councils to ease consequences of the cap and to help combat homelessness. They also believe that the percentages projected by the Labour Party are part of a "scaremongering" tactic, according to *The Guardian*. Situations such as this are not new. Paris is known for shunning poorer individuals into "banlieues" outside of the city. In New Orleans, the homes of poorer individuals have been bulldozed to make way for wealthy neighborhoods. Although economic times are difficult, the poorest individuals in a society should not be forced to bear the burdens of the government.

DEBATING 'ROUND THE WORLD

AGAINST LEGISLATION

by Laura O'Neill '13
World Staff

OPINION

In the battle between money and morality, the former appears to have taken the lead in the firestorm of controversy surrounding the recently proposed housing benefit bill. Preliminary studies published by the BBC confirm that the bill will most definitely lead to the gradual expulsion of hundreds of thousands of London's urban poor. Unable to juggle family finances to accommodate increasingly elitist government demands, those occupying the lower socioeconomic sphere of costly London society will be forced to seek more affordable housing in the outskirts of the metropolis, while those with greater access to financial resources will fill the void left behind and completely change the culture of the area. The inherent problem in situations such as these is that the turnover in populations is neither natural nor due to some fault of the soon to be evicted tenants. Rather, the blame lies with shortsighted government officials entirely focused on meeting the bottom line and indifferent to the needs of those affected by this legislation. The people impacted will be forced to pack up their lives and move, not because they live

beyond their means, but because the government chooses to suddenly change the terms of the benefits contract to which both parties have long agreed. Proponents of the bill argue that capping the London housing benefit is one step in a lengthy plan to cut unnecessary spending and put the city's economy back on track. But what the measure also creates is an increased culture of elitism in an already exclusive city. If regulations such as these are allowed to pass, what is to stop future officials from further shrinking the population eligible for aid? Home is not merely a place of shelter; it is a base from which a person engages in meaningful interaction with the surrounding community, establishing friendships and working to support himself or herself. It is a place where people raise a family, make memories, and center their lives. At its essence, a neighborhood is defined by the quality and character of those who live and interact within its bounds, not by an individual's financial qualifications. It is completely unreasonable to suggest that the problem-ridden bill set to go into effect is the best solution for London's economic woes. In the end, time will determine whether British officials are willing to pump up the standard on the ingenuity scale to preserve the ethical standards of their work.

FOR LEGISLATION

by Arman Oganisian '13
World Editor

OPINION

Although it is unfortunate that some families may have to move out of their homes, the proposed changes to the London housing benefit system are in the best interest of the city. With the way that the system works now, eligibility for housing benefits is determined by the median average rent in a given area, so half of the people in said area are receiving some sort of payment from the government. These proposed changes would cause 70 percent of housing to have rents above benefit payments, which would most likely cause a decline in overall housing prices, since landlords would have to cater to a larger population without financial assistance. On a larger scale, these changes are also beneficial to the economy as a whole. Fewer people receiving housing benefits means that some landlords could potentially make more money from renters. If they are receiving more money, they can then spend more, which could

help to stimulate the economy. The government would also be spending less money on housing benefits, enabling them to spend that money in other ways that could benefit the people, such as paying off debts or creating jobs. These proposed changes might encourage those afraid of falling short of their rents to increase their savings or to search for employment, if possible. While in general it is advantageous and ethical for the government to assist its financially weakest citizens, especially when it comes to the basic necessities such as housing, it is unfair for the government to have to pay such a high sum of money so that people with minimal income and savings can afford to live in some of the city's finest housing. With these proposed changes, government assistance is still available, and those affected could easily look to less expensive housing in other parts of the city. It is also important to remember that, according to the BBC, estimates predict that 90 percent of households will still be able to meet their rents with these changes.

This Week In History

By Adam Staropoli '14, World Staff

October 29, 1863 – Eighteen countries meeting in Geneva agree to form the International Red Cross.

October 30, 1922 – Benito Mussolini is made Prime Minister of Italy.

October 31, 1984 – Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by her two security guards.

November 1, 1814 – The Congress of Vienna opens to re-draw the European political map after the defeat of France in the Napoleonic Wars.

November 2, 1895 – The first gasoline-powered race is held in the United States. First prize: \$2,000.

November 3, 1493 – Christopher Columbus first sights the island of Dominica in the Caribbean Sea.

November 4, 1922 – In Egypt, British archeologist Howard Carter and his men find the entrance to the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings.

Farooque Ahmed's The Bomb

American Arrested in DC Bomb Plot

by Katie Davenport '14
World Staff

UNITED STATES

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, Farooque Ahmed was arrested for allegedly assisting in what he believed was an al-Qaeda plot to bomb subway stations in the Washington, D.C. area. According to CNN, Ahmed attempted to provide material and collect information for a terrorist attack that would consist of multiple bombings and result in countless deaths.

FBI agents were aware of Ahmed's suspicious activities, monitoring his actions closely. An anonymous federal law enforcement official explains that individuals working for the government posed as al-Qaeda operatives in order to trap Ahmed. The agents began meeting with Ahmed in April at hotels in Northern Virginia. At these meetings, Ahmed suggested the best times and locations for an attack that would maximize casualties. Furthermore, the *Washington Post* reports that Ahmed had even created sketches and conducted video surveillances of the stations.

Questions over whether Ahmed created the bomb plot or whether law enforcement officials planted the idea currently lack answers, but people remain curious. "It's a conversation that's definitely going on in the community," believes Imam Johari Abdul-Malik, spokesman for Dar Al-Hijrah mosque in Falls Church, Virginia.



COURTESY OF VISITING DC

Farooque Ahmed was arrested by the FBI for attempting to bomb the D.C. Metro.

"At the same time, though, if you're dumb enough and sick enough to think you're working for al-Qaeda, then maybe your behind should be put in jail. If what the authorities accuse him of turns out to be true, I have very little sympathy for someone who plans something like that."

Despite Ahmed's fatal intentions, people were supposedly free from harm. "At no point was the public in any danger," claims White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, adding that Ahmed's arrest demonstrates the FBI's ability to cease threats and maintain security within the United States.

No matter how safe individuals were, Neil H. MacBride, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, is still disturbed by the situation. "It's chilling that a man from Ashburn is accused of casing rail stations with the goal of killing as many Metro riders as possible through simultaneous bomb attacks," he admits.

Many railway commuters are also concerned about their safety, and they may avoid riding the subways if possible. "As I look around, I think about how vulnerable we are," shares McCarthy Council, a resident near the Pentagon City Metro station. Other individuals,

however, vow not to live in fear of an attack because this is not the first threat transpiring in America, and unfortunately, it is probably not the last.

According to MSNBC, the United States has struggled over the past 18 months with a surge of Americans scheming terrorist attacks. For example, approximately two weeks ago, a man from Hawaii made false statements to the FBI about his plans to attend terrorist training in Pakistan, and he was consequently arrested. Earlier, in August, a man from Virginia was caught attempting to leave the country for Somalia so he could fight with an al-Qaeda affiliated group.

Fortunately, the FBI caught Ahmed as well, who definitely proved to be a dangerous man. Margaret Petney, a neighbor of the 34-year-old Ahmed in Ashburn, Virginia, reports that Ahmed moved into the area about a year and a half ago with his wife and young child. "They didn't seem to be too friendly with anybody," Petney concludes. "You never know who lives around you."

Although Ahmed was arrested, not all criminals are suspicious in behavior or appearance, which makes the threat of terrorist attacks even more frightening to society. The attacks spark fear and in return, more safety precautions are taken to prevent future potential threats. Terrorism is a serious issue and awareness is significant, but without courage, the United States has no chance for survival.

FRIAR FINANCE



By: Andrew Gellert '13 Asst. World Editor

Mortgage Complications Ensnare Financial Sector

Large banks such as Bank of America, J. P. Morgan, and Wells Fargo are scrambling to sort out errors in paperwork and legal proceedings after investigations revealed critical missteps in mortgage processing, reports the *Wall Street Journal*. These banks may have skipped steps in foreclosure transactions and failed to verify the authenticity of signatures in many foreclosures across the nation. This discovery comes as the housing sector continues to waver, with home prices far below their pre-crisis peak.

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that Bank of America has been hit hardest by the recent investigations. This bank is struggling with its stock price at \$11.45 a share. Bank of America's foreclosure woes are symptomatic of the banking industry as a whole. Even two years after the 2008 financial collapse, banks remain reluctant to lend and the Fed is selling bonds with negative yields in an attempt to free credit and inject liquidity.

Uncertainty in both finance and housing will only depress consumer

spending. Consumers are already hesitant about purchasing homes, but the new errors in processing will give buyers pause. The *Wall Street Journal* revealed that several homeowners experienced foreclosures on houses that were not even mortgaged. The housing market is also plagued by delinquency. Homeowners who can no longer make payments often simply walk away from the loan, leaving banks unable to recoup on losses. With housing prices low, banks cannot make their money back by selling repossessed housing.

State attorneys general plan to lead an inquiry into foreclosure practices among all affected banks, but organizing all 50 state attorneys general is a difficult task. Some attorneys general want to call the investigations an "inquiry," but others push for the term "effort," according to the *Wall Street Journal*. Until the attorneys general agree on a methodology and begin investigations, the full scope of the foreclosure confusion will be unknown. The task's complexity

is compounded by politics. Many attorneys general are up for re-election or running for other offices. The *Wall Street Journal* reports that only two out of the 12 attorneys general are guaranteed to remain in office after the midterm elections.

Banks and consumers will both be affected by the results of the investigation. Banks may have to face fines and tougher regulations. These penalties could destabilize the skittish financial sector and delay a recovery. But if the attorneys general do not punish banks for illegal and negligent activity in foreclosures, the banks can continue to use such practices to collect payments and repossess homes they do not actually own.

This minor crisis illuminates one of the foundational aspects of economic forecasting: stability. If consumers cannot know if a bank will foreclose on them or if the foreclosure will be legal, they cannot make predictions because they cannot know their own net worth and income. Imagine not knowing if you really own your

house. How would you decide how much to spend on entertainment or food when you could be searching for a new place to live in six months? Houses are generally the biggest investment any consumer will make over his or her lifetimes. Not knowing the value of a house, or even its ownership status, makes buying decisions difficult because of the magnitude of the house's effect on family finances. As a result, consumer uncertainty will lead to a decline in spending as consumers take the safe road and save extra money. Even consumers who do not own mortgages with the affected banks will alter their behavior, as faith in the financial sector drops. Banks and other financial institutions depend on each other for loans and monetary transactions, so an investigation targeting a few large banks will influence them all. Whatever the result of the investigations, the shortcuts these banks took in foreclosure proceedings will affect us all and delay recovery in the general economy.

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by Arman Oganisian '13, World Editor

WORLD PUZZLES

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Midterm Election Results 2010

House of Representatives

Democrats	10 seats undecided	Republicans
lost 60 seats 186 seats		gained 60 seats 239 seats

United States Senate

Democrats	2 seats undecided	Republicans
lost 6 seats 52 seats		gained 6 seats 46 seats

Governor Elections

Democrats	5 seats undecided	Republicans
lost 9 seats 15 seats*		gained 9 seats 29 seats

*Two independents caucus with Democrats.

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I Already Went to Prom!

Junior Ring Weekend is Here. One Junior Thought Those Pains Were Behind Her

by Jenn DiPirro '12
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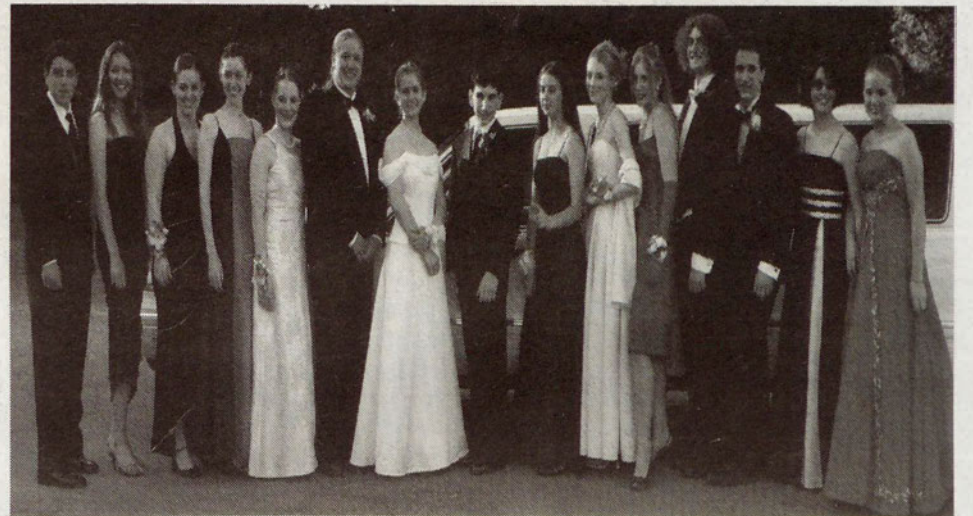
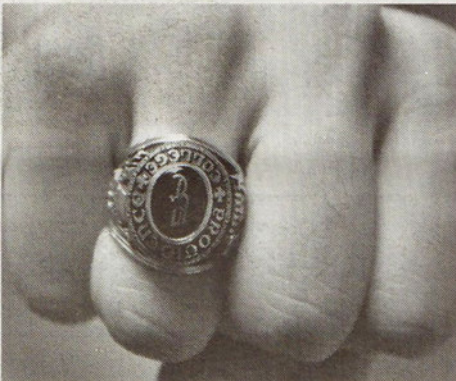
CAMPUS

Three letters have been haunting me all semester: J-R-W, or Junior Ring Weekend. I have to say, I like the general idea. You go to a mass, get your class ring, dress all fancy, and dance your butt off. I can dig it. There are a few things that really drive me crazy about it though. I do not want to insult anyone on the JRW Core because I know they have worked hard on planning all of the events, and I really do appreciate it. My issue with it has more to do with the problems that come along with an event of this magnitude. There are the crash diets, people who hate themselves for not having dates, skin cancer from excessive tanning, buying a dress, the fear of asking someone and getting rejected, the fear of having an awkward date, table assignment issues, all of the hullabaloo. I have but one thing to say about all of this — I ALREADY WENT TO PROM.

Prom is meant for high school. I really liked parts of prom, and I think that was because I was doing

all of this primping for the first time. It was exciting and completely new. Once you get to prom, however, it is usually all downhill from there. The food makes you feel sick, your date is a horrible dancer, you spilled marinara sauce on your dress, the limo is late, the DJ is terrible, and your shoes are killing your feet. Whatever it may be, it almost always does not end soon enough. These little things ruin your night because there is way too much anticipation surrounding the whole ordeal. Whenever you gear up for an event for a long time, it never goes how you would have liked it to go. That is because we always set our expectations way too high.

Of course I am going to JRW, regardless of my pessimistic views. I will tell you exactly why I am going — it will be a night to remember, just like the theme promises. Also, it is just something I would never dream of missing. Do I have a date? No. Do all of my friends have dates? No. Why would you want to go with someone you do not really know or do not really like? I am neurotic enough on my own, I do not need someone to follow me around and make the night even more awkward. Who am I kidding? That is a really nice excuse, isn't it?



I really just did not have anyone to ask. Boom. The truth hurts.

So if you are not going because you do not have a date, I really think that is lame. It truly is going to be a great bonding experience for our entire class with many great memories. The truth about dances like this is, if you think you are having a bad time, I am sure there is somebody else who is having a worse time. If you are like me, you may enjoy watching fighting couples, girls in skanky dresses, and drunken hooligans making complete fools of themselves on the dance floor. Now, if that is not reason enough to go, I do not know what is!

Once high school was over I thought I would never have to worry about prom again! Now there is JRW and next year there will be Commencement. I do believe that Commencement is a

way bigger deal than JRW, and if I do not have a date, I will probably just bring my dad. Seriously. Then we will be done with college and there will be no more dances. Wait a minute, I speak too soon, there will definitely be a ton of weddings to attend. I cannot wait to be the awkward bridesmaid at all of those shindigs, getting paired to walk down the aisle with my friend's little brother. Awesome! I had better start my cat collection immediately upon graduation.

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Start Small to Make a Big Difference

by Emily Corr '13
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SOCIETY

Something extremely uplifting is spreading like wildfire on the campus of Providence College. It is the sincere desire to make a difference. To hear people acknowledging the problems the world is facing and coming to the realization that something needs to be done about it leaves me inspired and excited for the endless possibilities the future holds. In a miraculous way, the change we all speak of has already begun — the desire to sacrifice oneself to help others who are less fortunate is catching on. All people want to do is help those in need.

But in our eagerness to throw ourselves off of the precipice and into a world in need of love, we realize with utter discontent that we don't exactly have the wings necessary to do so. Now whether

this abrupt halt stems from a simple uncertainty as to what to do next, or rather from the restraints of reality (No, Mom and Dad *don't* want us to drop out of college to save the polar bears) we more often than not find ourselves at a standstill.

It seems that the easiest thing to do is to give up on our original dream and start up a new one. But this is only fuel to the engulfing fire where unfulfilled dreams fade

“IT SEEMS THAT THE EASIEST THING TO DO IS TO GIVE UP ON OUR ORIGINAL DREAM.”

away. What we need is to start simple. Think about it — you didn't open a calculus book when you were four-years-old and instantly understand it. Life just doesn't work that way (if only it did). First, you had to learn how to count, then to add and subtract, and so on. Life is a series of building blocks — you can't reach the top without building a solid foundation to get you there.

The same applies to making a difference. If only we could fly over to the Congo right this minute and physically pick young boys off of the front lines or feed the starving children. The reality is that we can't, at least for right now, but maybe there is a reason why. What if we were meant to accomplish something *right here, right now* before we could even begin to fathom how to help over there?

What if it's only by accomplishing endeavors *here* that we can learn the lessons that will allow us to fix the problems *there*?

The problem doesn't lie in dreaming. We all have the capacity to dream big, and that in itself is an accomplishment — it means you have not limited yourself. But we must understand that reaching our dreams requires baby steps —

sometimes frustrating, sometimes tedious and seemingly insignificant. But it is through these struggles that we gain strength, patience, faith, and most importantly, love. Through acquiring these virtues, we can apply them to the larger obstacles that we initially challenged ourselves with.

Start simple. Google something you've heard about, but don't really *know* about. Take the 5 dollars you were going to spend on Starbucks and donate it to a local charity. Raid your closet, find those clothes you wear once a year, and give them to someone in need. Instead of going out on Friday night, work at a soup kitchen. Hold the door for the person behind you. Smile at the person in front of you. Love. Before you know it, those wings that weren't strong enough to carry you will spread wide with incomprehensible strength, and you'll be well on your way towards a reality that was once a far-fetched dream.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Officially Ridiculous. Recently, a friend of mine broke up with his girlfriend for seemingly the thousandth time. Naturally, they're trying to work things out again, God bless them. As a result of their romantic seesawing, their Facebook relationship statuses have also been in flux. The two of them are currently listed as "in a relationship, and it's complicated." This simply baffled me. It is quite apparent that their relationship is indeed complicated, but why set that as your Facebook status? One would assume that a complicated relationship would require discussion, reflection, and a reexamining of the situation, not a simple Facebook relationship status change. Is it wholly necessary to advertise your complications to the world? My judgment is no. The internet shouldn't be the medium through which we attribute meaning, status, and feelings towards our relationships. Any relationship, especially a romantic one, is a human one, based on feeling and emotion. Web sites truly have no place in our human relationships. Why is it that Facebook is the final authority on our relationships? I cannot tell you how many times I've been discussing a budding romance with a friend, only to have the conversation lead to whether or not the pair is "Facebook Official." The authenticity of a relationship shouldn't be linked with Facebook. Instead, it should be linked with the people actually involved in the situation; the ones to whom the romance really pertains. — **Matt Santos '14**

The Kindness Epidemic. Imagine this: it is raining on a Tuesday morning. You've just finished the Civ exam that you were up all night studying for and you're almost positive you failed it. You are not wearing your galoshes because you slept through your alarm and ran out of the room in a panic. You walk towards Ray, hoping to find some comfort in a good meal. And just as you are hesitating whether or not to jump over that giant puddle that always looms in front of Ray, you see someone standing at the door, holding it open for you with a big smile on his face. Kindness is contagious, and it is random acts like these that happen to be the highlights of my days. A random act of kindness is a selfless act made by a person who wants to put a smile on your face. Kindness is contagious, and it's something we could probably use a little bit more of in our day-to-day lives. One act of kindness can have a profound effect on someone's day or even week. So I encourage you all: write a handwritten note of thanks to someone, compliment your classmates, treat your friends to pizza, give up your seat for someone in a crowded room, and smile. Be kind, pass it on. — **Kaylee Miller '13**



Whatch You're Grammer. I willn't say chivalry is dead. It certainly is on it's death bed hooked up to an IV drip struggling to breathe but its not yet dead. On the bed adjacent to dying chivalry is a familiar friend in a state far worse—Grammar. What does this mean! Well[...] quite simply it suggests that men who don't hold

doors open for ladys also don't know what a participle is or how to use a ; semicolon properly. Indeed it is a sad world we living inn. Poor Grammar is lying on it's death bed hooked up to an heart and lung machine having been battered for years by spell check; auto-correct. rap lyrics: and the ever vindictive wrath of text message lingo. Their's something to be said about this. We all learned in grammar school about nouns adjectives verbs subjects and predicates but somewhere along the line something robbed us of our command of the English language. Perhaps its because we didn't have teachers' hitting us with rulers when we failed to recite the prepositions in alphabetical order /or maybe we didn't truly understand the "conjunction-junction-what's your function"-song. Whatever it is, Grammar is on its way out; it's only a matter of time before we pull the plug for good. Trust me, I know—I is a college student. — **Kerry Vaughan '12**

Home Sweet Ray. Being away from home for Halloween is rough for any freshman. I would venture to say that it is even difficult for upperclassmen. In order to keep myself occupied, I knew I needed a change of venue. Although I made elaborate plans to go to Salem this past Saturday with my friends and had an amazing time while in the historic town, there was still one event that made the holiday season all the more festive – an event that healed my homesickness. Thursday, the 28th, I walked into Ray in utter shock. The staff members were dressed in costumes and all around the cafeteria there were jack-o-lanterns, bowls of candy, fruit punch, dimmed lights, additional decorations, and scary movies on giant projection screens. The effort and enthusiasm needed to transform Ray into a festive, homey environment was undoubtedly excessive. This gesture did not go unnoticed, and I am extremely appreciative for the thoughtfulness of creating an environment that was fun and inviting. However, it is important to note that the thoughtfulness and the effort to create a wonderful environment for PC students is always present among the Sodexo workers. Let's face it: Ray simply has cafeteria food, and the way the meals taste proves it! But, the staff members who work until approximately one in the morning, clean each table after a party has left it, prepare our meals, and swipe us in every day are all adorned with smiles on their faces, despite unfair labor treatments that they have faced in the past. I admire their commitment to working with the PC community, and I cannot reiterate enough how much it means to me to know that they care. — **Genevieve Ilg '14**

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Freshman Finds Friar Fanatics Annoying and Embarrassing

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CAMPUS

Sports bring out the best and the worst in people. Students at PC are no exception. Sports are pretty big here, from hockey to basketball. It's great to see all of the fans that come out to games to support the Friars as they face off against their rivals. The Friar Fanatics are certainly committed to a noble goal of promoting school spirit and supporting individual players as well as the team as a whole. The group disseminates news releases on team statistics to inform spectators. But at the hockey game on Saturday against the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, I wasn't so impressed by some of the ideas on the page in front of me.

The Friar Fanatics promote clear, negative cheering in their publication by recommending that fans shout, "You suck!" or "Safety school!" in reference to UMass. I understand that rivalries can get intense and that the Friars desperately want to win, but there's no excuse for much of what I realized is traditional practice at games. Fans shout out profanities against the opposing team more frequently than the amount of times the referees pause the game (which is pretty often).

Americans love sports, but inherent in this appreciation must be a dedication to good sportsmanship. Hockey is a violent game by nature, I know, but that's no reason for spectators to turn into animals as they cheer on players. It seemed totally artificial when the victorious Friars shook hands with the Minute Men once the game was over. Such a gesture represents a certain degree of civility towards the opposition, which was clearly lacking on our part.

Although I have never played team sports myself, my sister used to be on a recreational soccer team. Once, a girl on the other team was being particularly aggressive, so my Dad, who was the coach, told her that if she didn't stop, he would take her out of the game. The other parents told him he was out

of line, because the point of the sport was to foster a friendly, competitive environment, not one characterized by negativity. At the time, I didn't agree with the decision, but I do now because I see how important it is for there to be respect and cooperation between opposing teams.

At the Olympics, even athletes who represent countries that are politically hostile towards one another maintain an appropriate degree of sportsmanship and civility. Can you imagine Michael Phelps' mom shouting "You suck!" or worse, swearing at her son's competitors? There's no doubt that Phelps' mom would make not only the tabloids, but even more respected publications for such outrageous behavior.

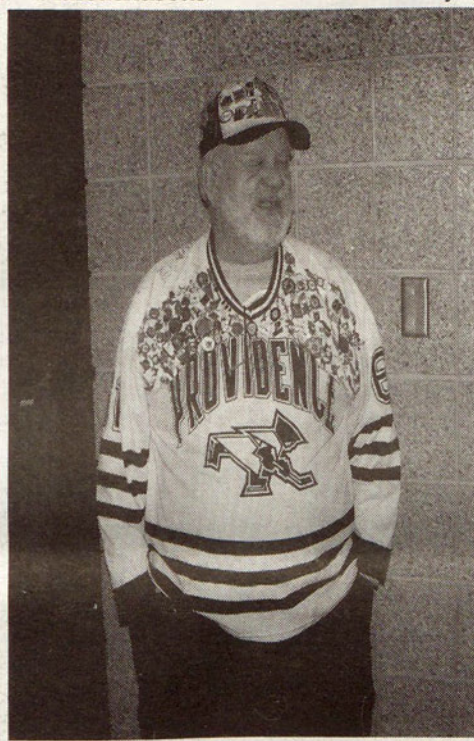
At the hockey game on Saturday,

I was honestly ashamed to be a Friar as I found myself surrounded by "fans" whose senseless rage against UMass substituted any possible appreciation for the sport. Not to mention that many of these enthused "fanatics" probably weren't sober. It's pretty tough to be a serious fan if you can't even think straight because of the alcohol you've consumed.

The crowd was drunk and rowdy. Obviously there were many people who didn't fall under these categories, but because the Friar Fanatics called so much attention to themselves, it was hard to make out the sober students who came to the game because they sincerely enjoy hockey.

I love PC and I love the Friars, but I can't love the way the Friar Fanatics behave at games and the message they send as representatives of our school. "This is my first and last hockey game," I told a friend once the game was over. Honestly, I don't think I'm alone when I say that I'm not interested in being surrounded by drunk, rowdy students who claim to represent PC. There are ways to cheer, but the savageness with which so many of my fellow PC students conducted themselves on Friday is unacceptable anywhere—except maybe inside a war zone.

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Jayo's Commandments. Thou shall not have deep conversations before 10 p.m. Thou shall not play wine pong — you don't mess with the vino, sweetie. Thou shall not wear jeggings; they may look like jeans, but you know, deep down, that you are lying to yourself. Thou shall not wear pajamas to afternoon classes; people will assume that you're dirty. Thou shall not fold clothes at 3 a.m. after a hard night of partying. Thou shall not talk to someone in the next urinal while they're peeing; let the man pee in peace. Thou shall not wear shorts and a jacket; pick a temperature and stick with it. In the same vein, thou shall not wear nothing and complain about the cold, you brought this upon yourself and icicles aren't cute. Thou shall not respond "yep" when someone says "thank you," for this is not a logical response. Thou shall not take too much food at Ray, and throw out more than half of it: you already knew it was terrible, so why did you think it was going to be better this time? Thou shall not wear Uggs that lean to the side; they make you look like your legs are evenly broken (thou shall not wear Uggs period). Thou shall not take mirror pics and upload them to Facebook; thou art no longer in high school, and Myspace is over. Thou shall not claim cultural identity to a country you've never been to; no one can see your blood, but they can see the fake tan rubbing off on your white popped collar. — **Jayo Miko Macasaquit '11**

Making A Decision? Go With Your Gut

by Ally Pelle '11
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REFLECTION

A gut — everyone has one. I'm not talking about the one you spend hours on the treadmill trying to lose (I hear ya, sisters) or the one that has gradually developed around your waistline as a result of one too many beers. I'm talking about the feeling. Your instinct; your intuition. When you know something is right or something is wrong but you don't know why — it just is. And I bet nine times out of ten, just like your Mom, it's right. What's just as annoying is how your Mom is always right too. You get this little feeling when you're put in a situation where a decision must be made.

If you thought your roommate was

insight without observation or reason. Intuitive thinking is perception-like, rapid, effortless." There is this untapped realm of human thinking, our gut feeling, which is something we use too little and don't trust nearly enough. Just the other day, when backing my roommate's car out of the driveway, I scratched the bumper a little bit. Okay, I'm lying. It was more than a little bit. When thinking about how to handle the situation, one part of me thought, "Oh, her bumper's already scratched — she won't notice." But the other part of me thought, "Ally, let's be real." So I had that horrible, sinking, chest-tightening fear that told me I had to do the right thing. I told her, and she wasn't upset. Way to go, conscience.

As I've met more people, experienced different situations, and even (ugh,

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BIO QUIZ, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.**

lying about borrowing your clothes, you're probably right. If you feel like you failed your bio quiz, you're probably right. If you feel like that guy you hooked up with last night was kind of a creep, you're probably right. And if you feel like something is bothering you, that's because it is. Get the feeling you should wash your sheets? Do it. I'm not saying life doesn't have its little surprises. We've all passed a test we weren't prepared for or been caught off guard by someone's act of kindness. But more often than not, our gut just has a way of knowing what our next move should be. It's kind of creepy in that "I had a feeling that was going to happen" kind of way.

David Myers, a professor of Psychology at Hope College, says that "Intuition is our capacity for direct knowledge, for immediate

don't make me, it hurts to say) "grown up," I've learned that listening to this voice is really important. It surpasses our reason and our doubt and our inclination to try to overanalyze, rationalize, or talk ourselves out of something. It's there to be like, "Listen dude, I've got this one." And when that moment comes, when you think your milk is probably bad or that your boyfriend may be cheating on you, you're there to be like, "Okay, man, thanks. Yeah, you're totally right." Too often we hash out every single minute nuance, every change in inflection, and every exhausting detail of every single situation. We try to manipulate situations into what we want them to mean so we can feel the way we want to feel. Do yourself a favor and listen to your gut, it knows what it's doing.

Lessons To Be Learned From A Dominican's Optimism

by Tommy Cody '13
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CAMPUS

There is a beauty in consistency, knowing you are going to get the same genuine answer every time.

Providence College has its fair share of iconic figures — a professor that prowls the narrow strip in front of the black board like Groucho Marks, hastily pacing, hunched over, hands behind his back, and head down. Another who clandestinely strolls about campus in his beige trench coat, navy blue Providence College hat, black FBI sunglasses, and an umbrella, rain or shine. And one man whose office is known as "the black hole." But, few are like Father Tom Ertle, also known as "Father Sunshine."

He illuminates every room he wanders into. He calmly floats in, humming an old show tune or dreaming about his home state of New Jersey. He takes a look around, and promptly, but quietly, as if he was talking to himself, declares, "You are all going to go blind. Let's turn on some lights in here." Once he finishes flicking on every light, he scans the room, gives a nod of approval, resumes his humming, and bobs out the door.

This past Friday at Dinner with Dominicans, he called a few students into his office to show them something. "Come on, come on!" he called, urging the students to hurry up, as if the office was going to disappear. He plopped down in his seat and attempted to start his computer. As his computer slowly turned on, he turned to his friends and said "Don't worry, it's cooking." The computer finally ready, he opened the Internet browser. "Let's see here," he mumbled. "Ah! Here it is." He clicked on a video, made sure to push the students close to the screen, scooted

his chair back, and grinned. While staring intensely at the screen, the students suddenly found themselves face-to-face with a screaming, ghoulish looking creature. They shrieked with horror and Father Sunshine laughed with unfathomable joy. This is a prank you expect from your eleven-year-old cousin, not a seasoned Dominican and Chaplain to the athletes.

When I asked a Dominican on campus about Father Sunshine, he smiled and said, "Do you know why he says 'never better'?" When Father Sunshine is asked how he is, he always responds, "Never better!" I had never considered why he answered the same way every time. The Dominican believed it was more than a fun response. "Look" he said, "Father Tom Ertle is a very holy man. He works to better himself every day, in charity and to perfect his friendship with Christ. When you ask him 'How are you Father Tom?' and he responds, 'never better,' he is telling the truth. Each moment is better than the next because Father Tom constantly strives to better his relationship with Christ."

Father Tom lives in memories of cross country bus rides, countless moves, unexpected elections and appointments, charging bulls on an Ohio farmer's pond, and missions to countries half-way across the world. He recounts his stories with a wide smile, a child-like enthusiasm, and a laugh that has been around the block, but still holds its liveliness. His voice resonates. It hums and lingers in the air like wisps of smoke from a recently extinguished candle.

"You are alive for crying out loud, do something with your life!" For Father Tom, life is not about looking back at prior glories or disappointments or the uncertainty of the future. Life is about a constant effort to grow in charity and in friendship with Christ. For the man focused on constant improvement, life could never be better.

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place, one letter at a time



Dear Sleepless,

Unfortunately, you've been placed with two roommates who don't have the same hobbies, musical interests, or personal hygiene that you do. It's going to be hard to figure out a living arrangement that works

for all of you, but don't give up hope; it may be possible to teach your roommates the importance of throwing away old Golden Crust before it gets moldy and convert them into AC/DC fans.

Before they wake up in the morning feeling like P. Diddy, you need to let your roomies know what's been bothering you. But don't start out this delicate conversation by listing the negatives, such as: "your beer-and-vomit-smelling clothes need to be thrown in an incinerator before people start to wonder what creature died in this room." Instead, begin by reminding them that your dorm room is a shared living and study space. Tell them that you wish you could spend time in the room together in ways that don't involve late night drinking. And don't be afraid to mention that you feel uncomfortable when they bring over male guests without asking.

By confronting these issues, you will be well on your way to a happier relationship with your roommates and a room free of rotting food remains.

Tiffany

This Week: Trouble With the Roomies

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I live in Aquinas in a small, cramped room with two other girls. Since I transferred to PC this year, I was placed with the girls who did not have a third roommate and were hoping to be by themselves in a triple. Five nights a week they are going out, and this includes pregaming while blasting Kesha, coming back very intoxicated, and usually sneaking guys into the room. And, obviously, they aren't cleaning up the room too often (since they are usually too hung over). Sure, being placed with them has helped me get into a group here at PC, so I don't want to move out, but I need to know how to tell them to chill out and respect me, since it is my room as well. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Sleepless in Aquinas

There are a few right ways to go about this, but there is one way that is definitely wrong: Tiffany's way.

I'm sure she is telling you to be civil and polite, maybe sit down and talk things out, light some candles and watch *Twilight* together, whatever dumb girls do, but that gets you nowhere. If you want to get your point across you should pull some pranks when they are passed out. It will work. Trust me.

Choose the most intoxicated "friend" and hide her phone and wallet after she cuddles up with her "significant other." She will wake up and, omg, just totes freak out! She won't know what happened and will assume that she left them at the bar. This leads to an amazing wild goose chase, which I suggest you go on, just for added pleasure. Oh, and while you are looking for the items, make sure you make calls and comment on your texts, because they will definitely get jealous when they see you with yo' mobile phone. My good friend taught me that, but I don't think it was quite in the same context.

When your unlucky roommate goes to get a guest-swipe at Ray, just hide her belongings, she will never know, and you will always have a nice story to laugh at by yourself. Because that's how you will always be in Aquinas... by yourself.

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FAITH MATTERS

by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.
Contributing Writer

November is the month of All Souls. It's a time for all of us in the Church to remember our family and friends who have passed away. It's important to pray for them, that God might give them rest and peace forever in heaven. This month is a time to recall that those whose earthly bodies sleep in death are nevertheless alive in Christ and count on our prayers, penance, and almsgiving on their behalf.

It can be strange to think of the dead as being alive and present to us. I heard a pretty amazing meditation on this point from the lips of that eminent theologian, my eight-year-old niece, Gracie. It's worth sharing here.

It was the day of my niece's First Communion last spring and I had the good fortune of spending the day with my family. After the Mass, we all went back to my parents' house for the compulsory party. As things were settling down and most of the guests had left, my mother noted that she had an overwhelming experience of her own mother's presence at the Mass. Even though she passed away more than a year earlier, my mother felt her there in the church in a very powerful way. We all nodded wistfully, and were collectively saddened as we recalled that the matriarch of the family was no longer with us. It was then that my niece, still in her extravagant white dress, broke the silence.

"I think I know why you felt Nanny's presence," Gracie told my mother. All eyes turned to the little girl with her elbows propped up on the dining room table. She asked, "Did this happen after you got Communion?" My mother said that it was and Grace nodded knowingly as if she were Sherlock Holmes, having solved a great mystery. She said, "Nanny died and now she lives with Jesus. And Jesus comes to be with us in Holy Communion. So if she's with Jesus and Jesus is with us, then that means we're together with Nanny."

I kid you not. Those were the very words that came out of her mouth. Not bad for an eight-year-old, right? But this was not the product of an overly active or childish imagination. This is our Christian faith. Our dearly departed loved ones are as near as our next Holy Communion, and present to us in prayer.

In funeral Masses, we pray these words: *Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended.* May God give us the grace to cling to this truth, to help our deceased loved ones with our prayers, and to share the hope that one day we will be with them and with our Lord, enjoying the fullness of peace forever.

Letters to the Editor

A Final Word On McDermott Rating System Accusation

As the gentlemen of McDermott recoil from egregious claims of yahooism and childishness believed to be true by a contributor to this college newspaper, I would like to take the time to apologize. Yes, apologize for all of the slander and false statements made by rumors and hearsay about McDermott Hall from those who would rather not acknowledge its accolades. I have heard of this numbers game (the rating system) being played in good fun with girls who visit the hall as a joking ice breaker. I can remember various occasions on which stunning girls were given less than desirable numbers only to walk back to the shouter's doorway and lightheartedly argue that they deserve a higher rating. Despite the article's claim, no McDermott men have heard of this "area code" system. Nevertheless, these games ceased when a young woman was not willing to play along with such games and left on the verge of tears. After this episode, the men of McDermott felt great remorse and immediately stopped such jokes within the first two weeks of school. I am a bit perturbed that about three to four weeks after this game had stopped the article was written that showed the dormitory in such a negative light, using not only unreliable but laughably ultracrepidarian sources. The author used the widely academically accepted source, urbandictionary.com, in support of her accusations.

Life is too short to have to glance over jeremiads in the school's paper when scrutinizing all the pages for important updates. I would rather not have the young women of this college fearing what may happen if they enter a dormitory, especially when most of the rumors about it are not true. I am also sorry to all of those "sweet guys" in McDermott who were not spared the loss of some female friends who were too afraid to enter the dormitory after the article. I am also sorry to those of you who still believe the false rumors spread by those who lack the experience or knowledge to write about them effectively.

— Patrick Shea '14

Muslim Student Getting First Glimpse of Christianity at PC

by Saadia Ahmad '14
Guest Commentary

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We are not as different as we sometimes believe ourselves to be. The slightest difference in appearance or personality provides an easy opportunity to cast another away from our circle of companionship. It is a choice that is all too easy to pursue — one that I myself admit to being guilty of, but one I hope to change during the next four years.

own can prove to be a challenge in my opinion because both place high importance on participation in a united community that is steadfast in worship: in Islam, this is called the "Ummah," comparable to the communitarian dimension of Christianity, the "Church." I know that for myself, I face challenges here that simply never arose in my home of South Brunswick, New Jersey, because I was one of thousands involved in the Islamic Society of Central Jersey, the area's local masjid (Arabic word for "mosque").

I realize now how greatly I took for

I do not believe in Jesus, called 'Isa (Allihi Salaam, Arabic for "May peace be with him") in Islam, just as firmly as I believe in Prophet Muhammad (Salla Allah Alaihi wa allam, Arabic phrase meaning "May God's peace and blessings be upon him," written after the Prophet's name for respect). Some are surprised that Jesus holds such significance in Islam; others were not aware that he was even recognized.

Delving even further, I have found that the themes and purposes of not only Christianity and Islam, but really of any religion that is true to its definition, will not promote evil and commit hateful crimes, as have self-declared followers such as al-Qaeda and the Ku Klux Klan. Such groups fail miserably not only in their duty to God, but also in their responsibilities to fellow human beings. This minority of evildoers do not deserve the privilege and honor of representing the larger, truer group of followers.

During a conversation with PC's chaplain, Fr. James Cuddy, we discussed the practice of finding greater commonalities with those who share the level of religious activity in our everyday lives, as opposed to those with whom we simply share a religion.

President Obama delivered a speech and a plea for tolerance of all religions and races. "I think it is absolutely important now for the overwhelming majority of the American people to hang onto that thing that is best in us: a belief in religious tolerance...We have to make sure that we don't start turning on each other."

Regardless of the history and specifics of each religion, all humans share the inherent, common goal of peace, happiness, and acceptance of oneself and of others. In Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, this also includes the worship of and faith in one God, and one God only. There are not separate Gods for each religion. The idea of a "Christian God" or "Jewish God," or "Muslim God," not only contradicts what each of our religions states, but it also cannot be logically valid.

President Obama concluded, "I will do everything I can as long as I am president of the United States to remind the American people that we are one nation under God, and we may call that God different names, but we remain one nation."

I will do my best to do just the same as our president — to make myself

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As a Muslim coming to a community consisting largely of Catholics, I am learning and witnessing for the first time the practices and beliefs of a religion that existed only in name and concept to me previously. I feel overwhelmed by the number of comparisons I am able to draw between the world's two most-followed religions. Through what I can only reason to be God's providence and grace, I am finally, truly in a position to understand and open up to the beliefs and practices that make up Christianity. In opening myself up without restraint to this religion, I have strengthened my own faith and standing as a Muslim.

Having attended weekend Islamic school since the age of five, my experience and interaction with other houses of worship isn't as extensive as I'd like it to be. For this reason, I make sure to attend a Sunday mass each week with the hope and prayer that God will grant me further insight into Christianity. Even in my limited, two-month-long presence here, I have seen so many students and staff alike follow their beliefs with firm conviction, each and every one of whom I applaud proudly, respect deeply, and strive to follow in regards to their devotion and consistency in maintaining faith.

granted the people who surrounded me with the same purpose of serving God in teaching the youth and organizing local events. So I turned to the PC community and Christian practices to fulfill my human need to worship one God amongst a close, faithful community.

I could not have asked for a more caring, supportive group of people.

My reactions to the lectures and services at Mass prove the benefits of interfaith interaction — that I am able to apply the majority of the content of these services to my own life proves that these differences are not as dividing as they are made out to be. My friends at home, as well as those at PC, react with surprise when I explain that I am able to both personally and religiously connect with 90 percent (my own personal estimate) of the Christian religion.

In no way am I diminishing the distinctions that indeed exist, nor am I denying their significance. Rather, my purpose here is to provide a complete perspective, which shows that they are miniscule in comparison to the magnitude of beliefs such as the existence of one God and practices that promote love and patience for all.

During discussions about religion, I explain that my status as a Muslim

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It is not the commitment to the same religion that matters, but rather the depth and extent to which we embrace God and His mercy into our lives.

There's no doubt that God has blessed me with friendships and connections among truer brothers and sisters, under one God, in the basement of St. Dominic Chapel and across the Providence College campus. Despite the distinction between our religions, I share more with these friends than I ever dare to with those who merely claim to be following God's word in their pursuit of senseless, sickening acts of hate.

On the Friday just prior to the

available to all questions that any of my fellow Friars may have, regardless of how well or how little we know each other; to maintain utmost patience and complete honesty with those who may hold differing viewpoints; to do my absolute best to represent Islam in its most honest and most beautiful essence and dispel the long-standing negativity that less than one percent of the population has sadly managed to create. I hope and pray that I am able to do this through my words, actions, and interactions every day, inshaAllah (God-willing).

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PC PRESENTS...

HEDDA GABLER

by Catherine Northington '12
A&E Editor

It's getting cold out, and with each passing day I find fewer reasons to emerge from my heated apartment-cave in Davis. But if there's anything that's going to get me off my butt and away from that damn Sporcle, it's a good show—especially if that show is conveniently located on campus.

The Providence College Department of Theater, Dance, and Film opened its fall season last weekend with a captivating production of one of Henrik Ibsen's most famed works of social realism, *Hedda Gabler*. The play depicts the story of the strong-willed Hedda (Samantha Brilhante '11), whose life as a newlywed lacks the luster and thrill of her youth. Having surrendered herself to one of society's most traditional female roles—the housewife—Hedda seeks to reclaim her independence by asserting dominance over those who surround her, beginning with her impressionable scholar-husband, George Tesman (Brendan Hickey '13).

Director Mary Farrell adapts Ibsen's nineteenth-century classic to a 1950s setting, an era of social revolution mirroring the social changes which occurred in Ibsen's own time.

At the play's outset, newlyweds Hedda and Tesman return home from their six-month honeymoon to George's aunt, Miss Tesman (Erin Fusco '12), and the Tesman's longtime maid, Berta (Grace Curley '14). Miss Tesman is a kindly woman with delicate "sensibilities" (ugh, I'm channeling Jane Austen). Fusco plays the role of Miss Juliane with a convincing gentility, greeting her nephew with news of his former academic rival, Eilert Loevborg

(Kevin Lynch '13). She relates to an agitated Tesman that Loevborg has overcome his battle with alcoholism and has reclaimed his revered status within the academic community.

Enter Hedda. Sweeping onstage in a flurry of copper-colored ruffles, Hedda—played with dominating stage presence by Brilhante—strides forth with a commanding projection, armed with the type of authority to which every title character is duly allowed. Hickey skillfully plays the role of Hedda's all-too-accommodating (read: "whipped") spouse with a comically obsessive concern for his wife's satisfaction.

The newlyweds are then visited by Mrs. Thea Elvsted (Cat McDonnell '11), a former schoolmate. McDonnell portrays Elvsted with a believable tinge of naïveté, suggesting an endearing simplicity about the woman. Her timid demeanor makes her all the riper for Hedda's manipulative schemes. Hedda swiftly draws her guest into a false sense of confidence, leading Elvsted to express her strong, but clandestine, feelings for Loevborg.

The intrigue deepens as Ibsen explores the dynamic between Hedda and Judge Brack (Ted Boyce-Smith '11), a family friend. Although their relationship lacks overt sexual contact, the verbal—and subtly physical—interplay between Brilhante and Boyce-Smith's characters suggests a flavor of adultery. Alone with Brack, Brilhante's Hedda expresses her boredom with married life, refusing to say that she "loves" Tesman. The teasing dialogue between Brilhante and Boyce-Smith's characters indicates a playful, dry understanding between the pair, surpassing the meager degree of emotional intimacy that Hedda shares with her academic husband. The chemistry between Brilhante and Boyce-Smith appeared genuine and believable, thoughtfully developed throughout each of the four acts. It is a perverse friendship, of sorts.

The intriguing relationship between Hedda and Brack is rivaled only by her profound emotional relationship with Loevborg. Hedda and Loevborg have an intimate shared history, each having a keen perception of the others' motives. Lynch's Loevborg is a brilliant mess of a man: cerebral by nature, but trapped in a harsh tempest of emotions begotten by his reunion with this past lover. Lynch carries out Loevborg's climactic scenes—each more drenched with emotion than the last—with a professional poignancy. Despite Hedda's obvious respect for Loevborg, her intellectual and emotional equal, she observes his residual feelings for her and quickly manipulates him into questioning his relationship with Mrs. Elvsted. Hedda's dangerous, manipulative game ultimately proves to have dire consequences in Loevborg's personal and professional life.

In each and every relationship she cultivates, Brilhante's Hedda upholds a staunch and headstrong demeanor. She forgoes outward displays of emotion, consequently appearing callous and unforgiving. She is ever careful to avoid falling into female stereotypes of weakness. Keen observers of the play will observe subtle glimmers of Hedda's vulnerabilities

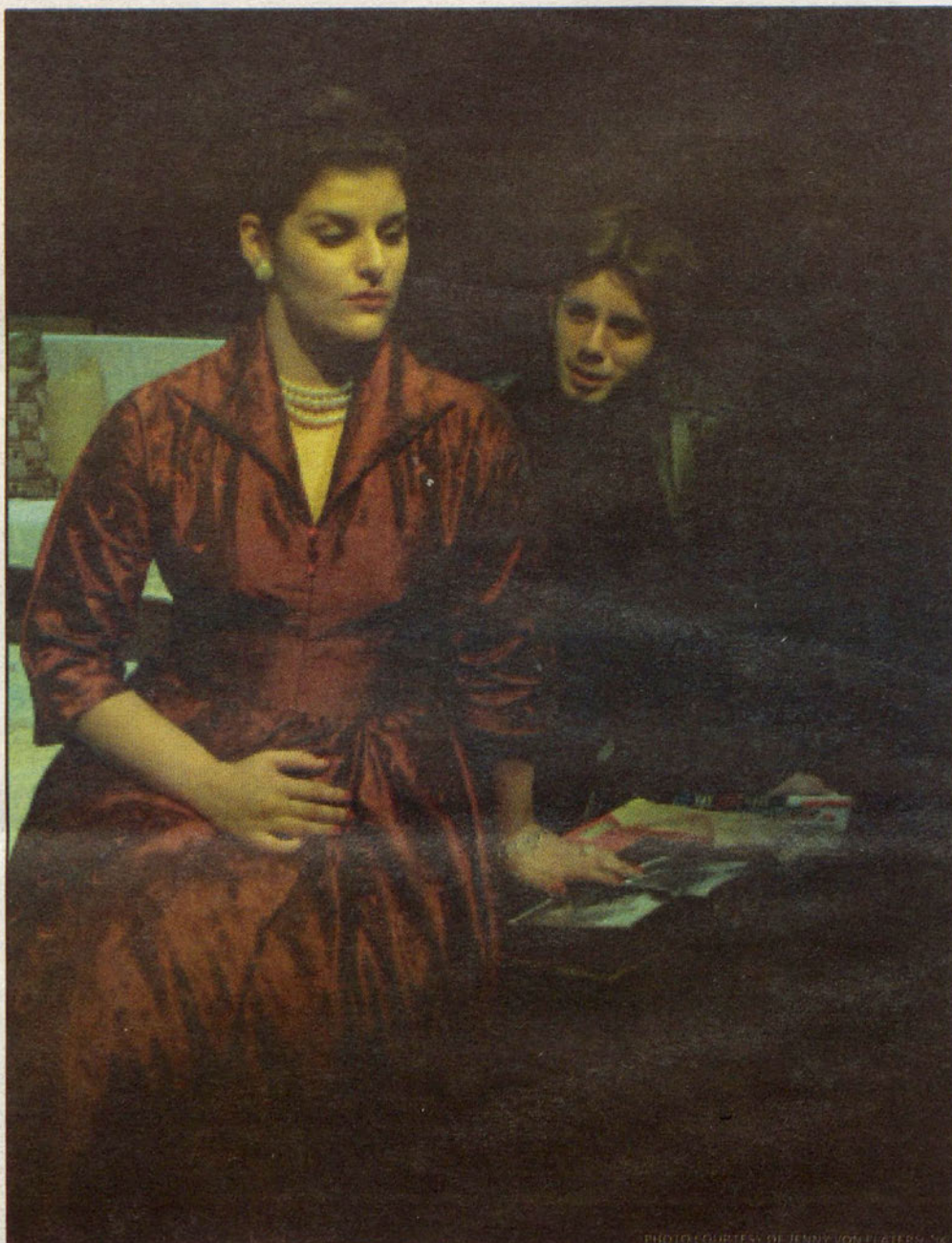
which Brilhante captures and develops with vigilant tact. These weaknesses, however, are overshadowed by her character's powerful showings of mania and manipulation.

Ibsen's play engages its viewing audience by addressing a number of weighty themes. At the same time, it deftly avoids overreaching the viewership's interests. It has all the makings of a soap opera—hidden pasts, scandal, sensuality, general mayhem—even death. The production raises a number of provocative and existential questions behind human psychology.

Professor Mary Farrell's adaptation amends the play to fit a contextually relevant setting. This modernization, in effect, enhances the work's credibility and applicability to our contemporary society—one that is plagued with comparable social discord.

The entire four-act play takes place in the newlyweds' bucolic Norwegian estate, an impressive (and extensive) set that provides an effective, unassuming backdrop for the irresistible blitz of dramatic charm that Hedda carries.

The show is saturated with riveting activity: passion, morbidity, violence, and fervent rage—all culminating in a conclusion that will have you leaving the Smith Center with a



Hedda Gabler features Samantha Brilhante '11 as Hedda Gabler and Kevin Lynch '13 as Eilert Loevborg. Kevin Lynch is a G.

CAST

(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

ERIN FUSCO as
MISS TESMAN

GRACE CURLEY as
BERTA

BRENDAN HICKEY as
GEORGE TESMAN

SAMANTHA BRILHANTE as
HEDDA GABLER

CAT MCDONNELL as
THEA ELVSTED

TED BOYCE-SMITH as
JUDGE BRACK

KEVIN LYNCH as
EILERT LOEBORG

Hedda Gabler runs this weekend (Nov. 5-7) in the Angell Blackfriars Theatre at the Smith Center for the Arts. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for *Hedda Gabler* may be purchased online at www.providence.edu/theatre, at the Smith Center Box Office, or by calling the Box Office at 401-865-2218. Ticket prices are \$13.00, \$9.00 (senior citizen), and \$5.00 (student).

Hobbit Sets Out for the Big Screen

by Jorge Lucas '12
A&E Staff

With the gargantuan success that was Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, it didn't take long for fans to wonder about JRR Tolkien's beloved precursor, *The Hobbit*. And, with the sweet smell of profit that this emanated, it took even less time for New Line Cinema, partnered with MGM, to decide to split the novel into two parts and get it filmed. Fortunately for the rest of us, the New Zealand director took the helm and promised us a faithful rendition that only he could deliver.

Since then, it's been a long, strange, uphill battle for Jackson, something akin to the Odyssey or, say, Bilbo's trip to the Misty Mountain (eh? eh?). The first big "what the?" moment for fans came with news that the first

film would contain all of *The Hobbit* and the second would be a "bridge" film, Jackson's brainchild that would connect the events between the prequel and his trilogy.

An equally surprising, yet undeniably titillating, announcement was that Jackson would be taking the role of executive producer and Guillermo del Toro would be replacing him as director. His eye for moody ambience and impeccably creative creature design in both *Pan's Labyrinth* and the *Hellboy* films, however, proved him worthy of this formidable task.

Disaster struck pre-production when MGM was hit hard by the recession and edged upon bankruptcy, also threatening the future of their biggest franchise, the James Bond films. As a result, all productions were put on pause and all fans held their breaths for months. The waiting lasted too long and del Toro had to move on to other commitments. Sadly, we will never see Middle-Earth in his hands, but he will nonetheless continue collaborating on the scripts with Jackson, Fran Walsh, and Philippa Boyens, all three of whom were responsible for the trilogy.

Enter Warner Bros. and, after months of deliberation

and painstaking evaluation, *The Hobbit* is finally greenlit and sent back into pre-production, this time with Jackson taking on the director's chair and a massive \$500 million production cost.

There remained one more bizarre turn of events to further frustrate our film-makers. When the Screen Actors Guild issued complaints about working conditions on Jackson's movie sets, New Zealand's government, home to the trilogy's on location shooting, joined in the dispute and encouraged local actors not to work on *The Hobbit*.

These disputes were somehow sorted out, but the damage had already been done. New Zealand benefitted immensely as a destination for the film industry thanks to Jackson's films, and Jackson felt they turned their backs on him and did not act in "good faith" (EmpireOnline). Despite all this quarreling, apparently the N.Z. president realized he was costing his citizens a lot of work, and Warner Bros. realized that the nation had come

to embody the spirit of *The Lord of the Rings*. The two came to an agreement and *The Hobbit* will be filmed there.

As if to reassure fans that production was indeed underway, Jackson recently released a bit of casting news that almost seemed too good to be true. After weeks of rumors and gossip, Martin Freeman, British star of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, has been confirmed as playing Bilbo Baggins. In addition, a slew of British actors have been cast as the band of dwarves that accompany Bilbo on his journey.

As for Ian McKellen (Gandalf), Andy Serkis (Gollum), and Hugo Weaving (Elrond), they have been willing to return since the beginning and it would be impossible to imagine Middle-Earth without them. It seems for now we can rest easy knowing that Peter Jackson is doing everything he can to finally complete Tolkien's saga and bring us on another adventure like no other.



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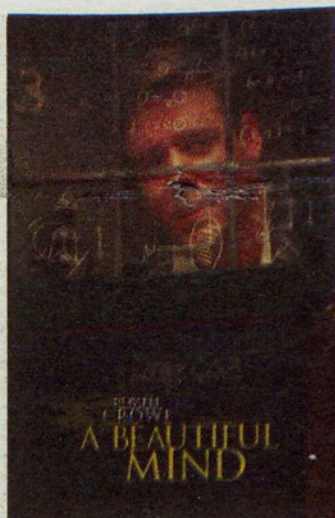
This Week: Favorite "Best Picture" Winner

Catherine Northington

Favorite Best Picture Winning Film:
A Beautiful Mind

Her Thoughts: Anyone who knows me knows that my attention span leaves a lot to be desired. The fact that I can sit through this 135-minute film and not *once* check the time counts for something. *A Beautiful Mind* tells the story of a disturbed genius—but it does so without being sappy and cliché-ridden, a trap that many of these overly-romanticized biographical features fall into (Ed. Note: I ended that sentence in a preposition. It's 2:00 a.m. I don't care). John Nash is one of the most brilliant human beings of the past century. This film also supports my (crackpot?) theory that all the smartest people in the world are mentally unstable. And I am hopelessly in love with all of them.

Views On Sarah: Uh...I've never seen *The Sting*. But I do know that Sarah watched *The Sting* immediately following the removal of her wisdom teeth—i.e., she was too HEPPEP UP ON GOOFBALLS to know what was what! She's probably never seen *The Sting* either. Robert Redford and Paul Newman probably don't even exist, except in Sarah's imagination. OH WAIT, that's the plot of *A Beautiful Mind*—which, incidentally, is an awesome movie. PS: According to the "Goofs" section on *The Sting*'s IMDB page, "Beer bottles that the waitress serves at the poker game are empty." UN-PROFESSIONAL!

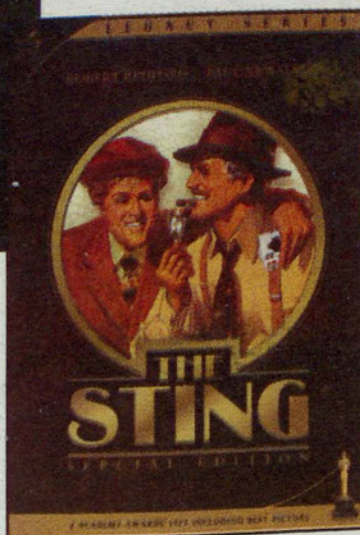


Sarah Dombroski

Favorite Best Picture Winning Film: *The Sting*

Her Thoughts: Cue the entertainer. The tag team of Redford and Newman is, by all standards, unparalleled. From the moment the idea of the "Great Con" is conceived, the glint and glimmer in the eyes of our leading men never dulls. Scene by scene, *The Sting* is divided by still frames and ragtime tunes, comically breaking up the film into parts. This jovial backdrop serves as the perfect setting for every adept movement, quick-witted deception, or earth-shattering twist the film bestows upon its viewers. To be blunt, I am obsessed with everything about this movie, and the charming personas of both of our leading men doesn't, in any way, shape, or form, help me from extracting myself from the one-sided love affair I am involved in with both of them.

Her Views on Catherine: I've never seen *A Beautiful Mind*; however, one of my friends once had to attend a showing of it at night for a class, and the fact that *A Beautiful Mind* could be applicable in a college course means that it can't be too entertaining. I will not say it is not a good movie because a) it won an Oscar, so it can't be too shabby, and b) I have never seen it. I think Russell Crowe is the pits, therefore *The Sting* is better than *A Beautiful Mind*.



PC BAND RELEASES ALBUM

Llama Tsunami and the Without Helmet *Get Serious!*

by Alison DeNisco '11
A&E Staff

"We don't need to be one of your favorite bands / We'd be happy if you just clap your hands!"

Such is the exuberant creed of Llama Tsunami and the Without Helmet, an eight-piece ska band composed of PC graduate Ben Perry '10 and student Nate Hogg '12, as well as Maria Shishmanian, Josh Middleton, Nick Perry, Justin Morse, Rolf Racich, Kevin Stoodt, Andre Podjil, and Chad Bigelow.

Get Serious, the band's first full-length studio album, kicks off with horns demarcating the catchy chorus of "Beach Tourist Song," in which Shishmanian

laments the sight of an unattractive beachgoer "in your man bikini thong."

Lyrics like these and the track list itself immediately belie the titular message of *Get Serious*, with amusing song names such as "Punch You in the Face," "Rock Hard Abs," and "Here There Be Pirates."

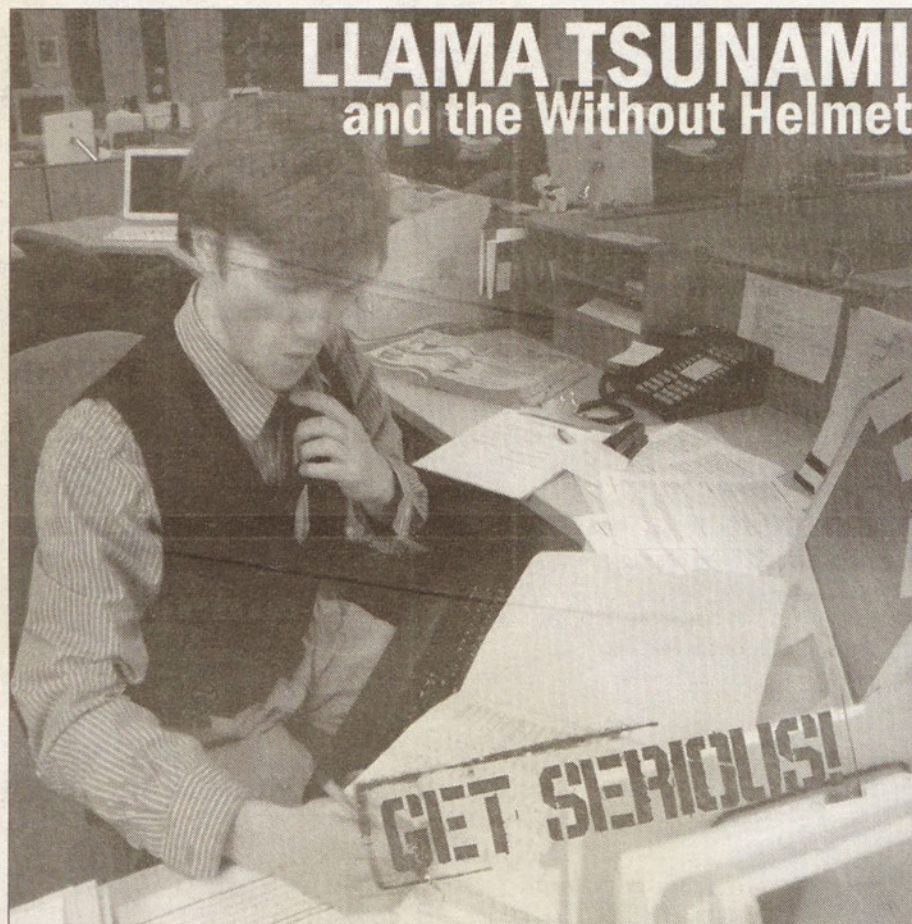
"The title of the album is both ironic and fitting. In a way, it mocks those who take themselves far too seriously and are unable to laugh at a joke at their own expense, but it also recognizes the necessity for dedication," according to the band in their write-up of the album.

Abs and pirates are only the beginning of the subject matter covered on *Get Serious*. Topics ranging from emo kids

(aptly introduced with a moody guitar riff) and a homosexual shark (he only pierces his right fin) are also fair game for Llama Tsunami's ridiculously infectious lyrics.

Llama Tsunami and the Without Helmet was created in 2007, as a way for high school friends to get together after graduation and make music. As members we're all away at different colleges, the original plan was to only play over the summer and during breaks. However, the band's popularity quickly grew (at press time, Llama Tsunami's Facebook page has 807 fans), and they consequently began accepting show offers during the year.

Speaking of shows, Llama Tsunami and the Without Helmet will be performing at AS220 in



downtown Providence on Sunday, Nov. 14. The smaller venue is exactly where the band thrives, with its "welcoming, intimate environment," said Perry, who plays the base guitar and sings.

Their music, with its upbeat ska rhythms and creative lyrics, lends itself well to dancing and enthusiastic audience sing-a-longs. "Bite My Thumb" and "Emo Kid" are two audience favorites off of *Get Serious*, according to Perry.

In terms of song writing, Perry notes that usually a member of the band will come to a practice with something written, and then each member infuses his or her own flair into the song to

finish it off. Generally, the person who wrote the lyrics also sings them, which accounts for the unusually large number of "lead" vocalists on the album.

It is evident from their first album that Llama Tsunami is out for a good time with entertaining music, above everything else. As their Web site states, "The fun-loving group of friends performs purely for the love of the music, and their live shows are a community of others who love it as much."

Get Serious is available on iTunes and cdbaby.com. For upcoming shows, free song downloads, and other Llama Tsunami news, check out llamatsunami.com.



MUSIC ON THE 'NET

HypeTrak.com: It's The Coolest Thing in School

by Tim Morris '14
A&E Staff



Music is a greater part of dormitory life than one might think. The combination is like milk and cereal, chips and dip, or Rocky and Bullwinkle—it just works. Sometimes we unwind to an acoustic album after a stressful day of classes. Other times, on Friday and Saturday nights, we will turn up the bass and blast "Like a G6" so loudly that even the R.A. gets pumped up. These uses of

music are permanent, but the songs we play are always changing. To stay ahead of the curve, and on top of what's hot, there is HypeTrak.

Created in March of 2010, HypeTrak is a free, online magazine dedicated to the vibrant world of music culture. While the magazine is still new to the Web, its editors are experts in bringing opposite ends of the music galaxy to one spot. Hip-hop is given just as much commentary as independent rock—and the editors make sure to cover every genre in between. But variety is not the only feature of HypeTrak that has attracted readers. The Web site is also organized in a way that makes it easy for the first-time user to navigate. On the left side of the page are links to five main categories: interviews, music, music videos, news, and weekly sets. The opposite side provides a quicker way to access music with lists of the "most popular" and

"most recent" posts on HypeTrak. Another list for "upcoming events" (such as concerts and festivals) gives the reader the opportunity to see which artists will be performing in the area.

HypeTrak backs up this user-friendliness with a focus on daily updates. As soon as a new single, album, or mixed tape has been released, the editors of HypeTrak have provided the full-length version for the reader to stream online. This immediate coverage has proven especially useful in following Kanye West's campaign for "G.O.O.D. Music Fridays." Each Friday over the past several weeks, Kanye has dropped a new single to build anticipation for his album *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*. Each Friday, HypeTrak has made the single available for the world's listening pleasure. Still, the editors seek to highlight the work of other artists as well. Kid Cudi and Cee-Lo have received much acclaim for the pre-released songs of their upcoming

albums; and a videotaped interview was recently posted in which Pharrell promotes his collaboration with Kanye West and Lupe Fiasco in a group called "Child Rebel Soldier."

The fact remains that HypeTrak is a rich source of groundbreaking, contemporary music. Its editors do not discriminate between genres and comment on both the good and bad tunes. Indeed, HypeTrak is a haven for those who want to blast something a little more sophisticated than "Teach Me How to Dougie." The site's weekly sets (playlists posted each Monday) bring the sounds of emerging and veteran artists together. Interviews and news coverage show the effort that goes into producing these sounds. Explore HypeTrak and discover a hidden gem in music culture.

Check these songs out on HypeTrak: "Fatal Attraction" – Theophilus London "Mona Lisa (feat. Chester French)" – Mickey Factz "Royal Blue" – Cold War Kids

TASTE OF THE TOWN

by Lindsay Sheehan '11
A&E Staff

Coffee Exchange 207 Wickenden St

Skip the Starbucks and Dunkin'. I dare you. Mom and Pop coffee shops are becoming an oasis in our capitalistic economy; a place where authenticity is praised and everything is organic, from the beverage to the hand soap in the bathroom. The Coffee Exchange on Wickenden Street (close to Thursday's hot spot, Fish Co.) is your walk-in, black board coffee shop.

Local advertisements for yoga, live music, and artist exhibitions are plastered on the wooden walls. The blend of the day is Narragansett with another daily decaf blend from "Mel's Private Stock." Bagels, pastries, chocolate covered coffee beans, fruit, and yogurt parfaits are the obvious staples. Around the bend of the scarf and flannel customers is the hallmark of this local coffee shop. Whereas Trinity has its selection of homemade brews that are distributed by the barrel, the Coffee Exchange has over 40 types of coffee beans

with five different roasts (American, Full City, Vienna, and Espresso), 14 types of blends, as well as a choice of decaffeinated and flavored beans. It's

high grown Arabica coffees available anywhere in the world. Like most organic coffee shops, there's a charity attached to the logo. Coffee Exchange's



the Voltz Wagon of coffee shops for the java condeseur on steroids.

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charity of choice is Coffee Kids (www.coffeekids.org). Ten cents from each pound of coffee you buy is donated to help coffee-farming families liberate

themselves from their dependency on coffee and from the poverty that has characterized their lives. The beans range from \$9.99 to \$12.89 per pound. Along the wall hugging the plethora of bins filled with beans are various coffee gadgets such as French pressers, bean grinders, and stove kettles to purchase.

Each brew has a description for the customer. However, if you would rather not be confused by the coffee lingo of blends, body, acidity, and finish that characterize the brew and just want to get a regular cup of coffee, it is doable. Beyond coffee, there is a daily homemade soup, chai, teas, mugs, travel cups, and other knick-knacks.

The buzzing atmosphere of laptops, small chit-chat, and the constant flow of customers, creates a place for you to throw your ear buds in to get some work done or a Sunday afternoon retreat to reevaluate your weekend. It can get pretty crowded so don't forget your scarf and tuque for the outside seating.

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IMPROV AT RAY!

We've all been there. It's Monday, and you are having the worst day ever. The frustration of Ray cuisine is hitting you hard. I mean, all you want is a little TLC, and there is nothing wrong with needing a little more from your meal. So you passive aggressively vent to your friends about how NOTHING is good and then get three cartons of French fries to "stick it to the man." You deserve them, and there is nothing else to eat. You walk around Ray and there are only weird, international, combinations that are seemingly unappealing to every palate, so you apathetically grab a cheeseburger and do not even pay attention while demolishing it.

A common problem plaguing society, and more specifically the Providence College community, is careless eating. Careless eating can be described as the action resulting from unsatisfying food; eating in order to quell the gnawing pangs of hunger reverberating through your stomach, eating to fill the barren void at the pit of your belly, eating to, essentially, eat. This will no longer be tolerated. In my book, purposeful eating should be a new movement sweeping our fine country- I mean, I don't want everyone to become obese, just happy. There are other ways to satisfy oneself other than a half-hearted bowl of cereal at dinner time. So, if you care about what you eat, take an extra two minutes out of your mealtime routine and try one of these crafty selections that always manage

The Classic BEC, or, in this case, MEC.

The MEC is a self-created acronym for meat, egg, and cheese. The breakfast meats rotate on a daily basis, so it's better to just stick with the general rather than get everyone excited over bacon, which might not be available.

Get your eggs and meat at Classics, then go over to the salad bar and grab a slice of cheese. Nuke the eggs and cheese while you toast a bagel, and you're good to go!

The Healthy route: Hard-Boiled Eggwhites on an English Muffin

Grab two or three hard boiled eggs next to Classics. Toast your English muffin and then peel the eggs, pop the yolks out, and slice them onto your English muffin. Delicious with salt and pepper.

Italian Combo Wrap

A sandwich is frequently a reliable route at Ray, but who wants a boring turkey sandwich every single day? No one. Wait in the sandwich line for approximately 45 minutes, then, when it is your turn, order salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, onions, hot peppers, and banana peppers on a wheat wrap. Get it grilled, obviously. While your wrap is grilling, get a plate with oil and vinegar on it for your dunking pleasure. Bon appetit!

The Healthy route: A quasi-Cobb Salad

This option is tough, because it really depends on what is available at other stations on any given day. It's important to remember that even if you maybe don't like Chicken fajitas with all of the fixings, plain grilled chicken can be the perfect thing to spice up any salad. Whether it's ratatouille, grilled vegetables at Classics, grilled chicken at International, or a very versatile salad bar, almost anything can be put on top of spinach leaves and consumed. My preference, if available, is always grilled chicken on spinach with feta cheese, grilled vegetables, and any fun raw veggies that Ray has to offer.

Dessert

Dinner is tough to work with because there aren't many general fall-backs when there isn't a good special. Dinner selections really depend on what is being offered that day, but dessert is a different story.

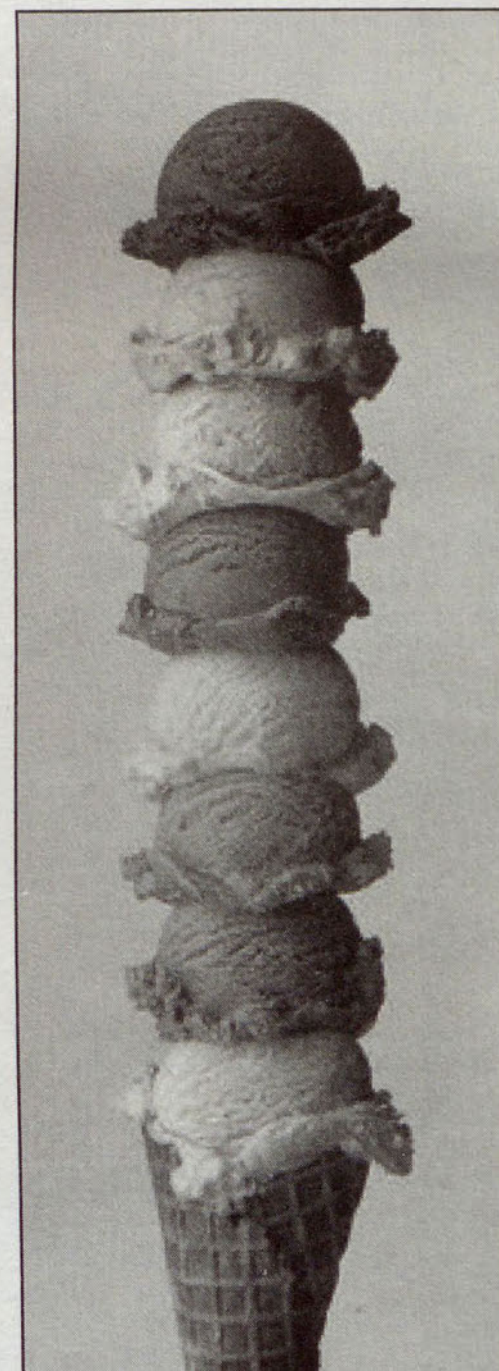
Sunday Sundae:

Perfect for after Sunday night dinner, which tends to be more disappointing than dinner every other night. Go to the dessert table to see what you have to work with. Put cookies, brownies, whatever your vice is, at the bottom of your bowl, and then bring it on over to the icecream station. Get a little ice cream, and top it off with hot fudge.

Root Beer Float:

Ask for vanilla icecream in a cup, and fill up the cup half way with root beer. Be careful, it will foam over the edge if you get overeager and fill the entire cup up. For a skinny solution, get frozen yogurt instead of ice cream.

The Healthy Route: Get a cup of frozen yogurt (only 100 calories) and top it

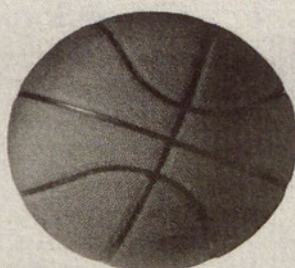


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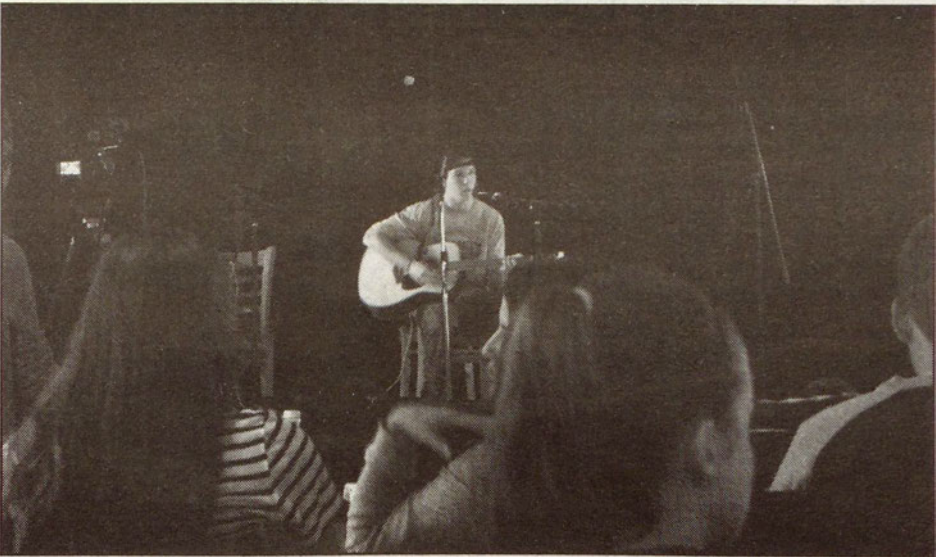
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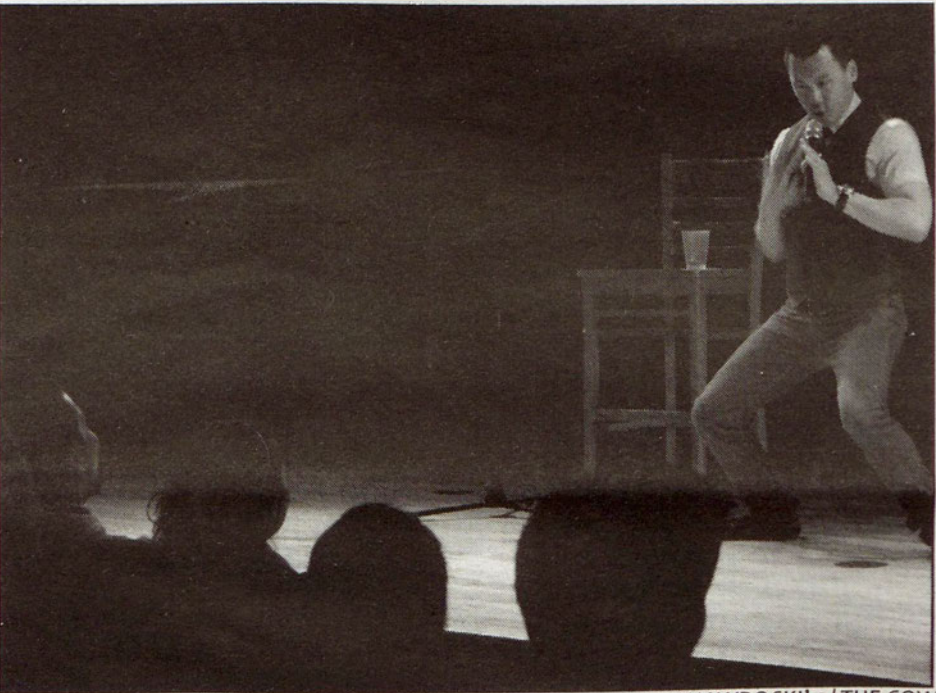
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ABOVE:
Dave McCann, a freshman that lives in Guzman, serenades the crowd with his delicate vocals at an Open Mic in McPhail's on Tuesday night.



ABOVE:
On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Board of Programmers and Sodexo hosted their "Pumpkin Fest" event, which featured live music, pumpkin painting, a petting zoo, and a pie-eating contest. The event was also open to the local community.



ABOVE:
Popular Comedian Eliot Chang, who has performed across the country and on Comedy Central, had the audience shedding tears of laughter on Wednesday night in our very own McPhail's.



ABOVE:
Circolo Italiano hosted a wine tasting event in McPhail's last Friday.

Election 2010

by Bridget Reed '12

Dr. Woods by Derek Knox '11



"Republicans squash Democratic majority in the House."

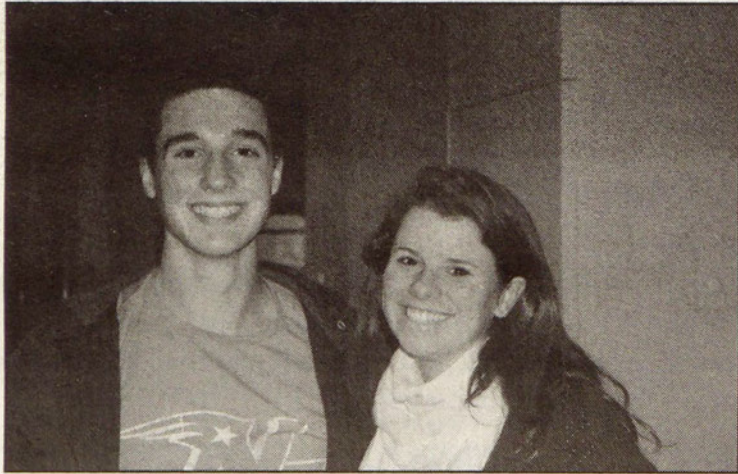


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What was the best Halloween costume you saw this weekend?



"Etch-a-sketch."
Pat O'Neil '14, Kelly Allen '14



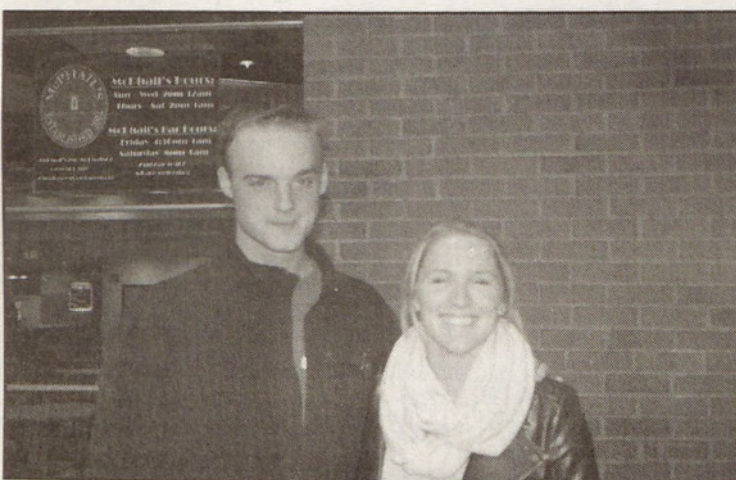
"The Hide Your Kids, Hide Your Wives Guy."
Kaitlin Falls '13, Elyse Bichler '13



"Freshman girl dressed as Father Batts."
Scottie Gratton '11, Craig Cooley '13



"Glow man."
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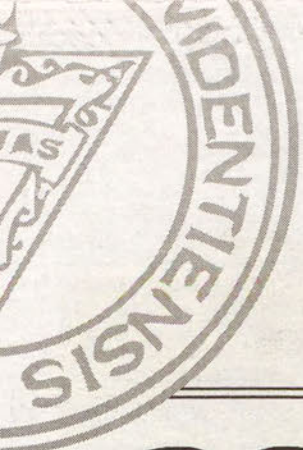
"Tetris pieces."
Dan Roe '11, Meg Lagreca '11



"Male Hooters Waitresses."
Joe Clemente '12, Nick Widmer '12



"Four Lokos."
-Massachusetts State
Legislature



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Poetry...

How to Gut a Fish

by Alex BetGeorge '11
Portfolio Staff

She slides the paring knife
between the mullet's pelvic fins
then slides
her unringed finger
through the narrow
slit up to its jaw,
scooping out fish
entrails—black, viscid.
Her grey mullet's ribs rise
fixed to its spine
when the tail's plucked up
from white-meat-sides;
leave dendritic nerve trees
traced in grilled fillets, chewed,
not pickled in canopic jars,
but kept in disconnect from
electric pulse of heart.

*"Is finer and more philosophical than history;
for poetry expresses the universal, and history
only the particular."*

-Aristotle

*"Is when an emotion has found its thought and
the thought has found words."*

-Robert Frost

*"Is the spontaneous overflow of powerful
feelings: it takes its origin from emotion
recollected in tranquility."*

-William Wordsworth

Observational Haikus

by Bobby Bretz '12
Portfolio Staff

"Shanleygrad"

Why does the campus
Look like Soviet Russia
When the winter comes?

"It's really rather beautiful"

Have you ever seen
The façade of Harkins Hall
On a foggy night?

"It's pretty obvious"

The well-dressed white kids
In Uncle Ben's liquor store
Are not twenty-one.

"I do this to myself"

There's more to life than
A series of equations,
Explicit or not.

Puddle

by Blake Bergeron '11
Portfolio Staff

This has all been one great potato farm,
an unknowable yield, muffled vindications.
From the hill everything seems everything.
The muddy expanse a geological blueprint.
My hands sprout wings to collect the raindrops
still cool and distilled. The saucer hovers
until it spills over, the agitated tarp
above the complacent camp.

"Aside from everything,"
you muse, damp freshness in your features,
"As soft as we'd like it to be, at least as unhard."

The reservoir is not our heart after all. No,
more a puddle, runoff pooling until systemic,
miraculously defined. By noon the shores will meet.
Air will translate the exchange. A verse will be lost
in a wilderness of syllables. The grit terser as it dries.
Yet every particle preserved.

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Shakespeare Series #3: *The Wife of Belmont*

By Conor Leary '11
Portfolio Editor

FICTION

It was the hour that frustrated her, along with the fact that the person gone from her chamber that night was her husband. Portia of Belmont stood beside her window with the inclination to let her eyes leave the early morning hour finally behind. It had been a long day and because of her husband, off flirting with the moon's sweet light and fully enjoying his night, her night had grown longer.

She demanded she be left alone, but the servants barely complied even under the most vicious of condemnations. She told one to leave and never return, another to quit smiling and to never imagine such an attribute getting them any attention, and another to simply stop existing, right then and there. She never wanted to be feared, but when her temper simmered and her face filled with red blush, Portia desired only to be left alone. Lately, she desired to be alone more often than not.

It was hearing the door hinges whine ever so slightly that brought Portia around. For a moment, she thought her evening could be salvaged. She thought, with her husband glowing in the doorway, perhaps with fresh flowers cropped from the garden pathways on his way home from his minute with manly men, she would feel utterly excited. She would feel what she felt after her father's tragic ploy to control her from beyond the grave was settled with a man she couldn't help but truly enjoy the sight of. He would wrap her body with the silk of passion and touch it with the elixir of romance.

However, she felt her heart roast as another servant, one more pressing to her nerves than any other, bowed

exceptionally low. Lancelet Gobbo bowed so low, Portia closed her painted eyes to avoid seeing his undergarments sticking out of his attire.

"Dear lady!" She had thought his voice always shrill, the sound of a tomcat hacking up its final cough. He always let his voice fill any room he entered as if the person or persons inhabiting the space had become deafened. Portia allowed a fabricated smile to crease her lips.

"You, being so nestled in the sunshine rays of the day, seem to be blind to the fact that the night rests at your hind." Whatever deity had conjured her fate had insidiously placed Lancelet far too near. His features contorted always with humor, squirming sideways on his face. She trusted not a thing he said and took everything from his mouth as dripping with some sort of derision she could not prove.

"Your observation is entirely lucid." She dealt with him in short and precise sentences, meant to chase him from her sight like the slight rattle of a serpent's end.

"I may serve you towards wisdom and bring your soft sheets to your softer chin." The tone, slithering so slippery, almost made Portia shout. This servant would be the one she'd take, the life she'd take, and the cause of her immediate detainment and public unhappiness. She would be convicted by the law of grappling his throat so that he would not have the courage to take one breath. Therefore, he would submit to death and damn her.

Yet, there was something about his gesture, his hand sweeping with cupping palm and his knees bent in equestrian form. He was there. Not the embodiment of her husband, but a man who needed not another man to keep him company. Portia, touching the scorched silver of her wedding band,

thought for a moment she might tear it away, along with everything she knew as well. She knew she could not stand Lancelet and his eternally contorted tongue. Yet, who was there to stop her from not making a thrash at him, but with him?

Not Bassanio, her loyal and thoughtful husband. Off then was he drinking, dancing, and diving into the pits of darkness they did not saunter through like true lovers did. He accompanied his dearest Antonio towards, into, and within such places.

"What ho! Such light that emanates from this bed chamber?" He entered with a hand over his eyes. The doorway became crowded, Lancelet's knobby elbows flapping away like bird wings at his master's return. Bassanio, ruffled from his activities, seemed like a man dressed as a valiant bird with feathers dropping at the sight of a true bird of prey glaring his way. Portia knitted her sleeves over her chest.

"Tis daylight, I assure you husband." Her voice simmered out and infected the room. She adored Lancelet's face as the comedic servant found the situation suddenly too heated to remain. He slipped away silently. Portia was quite astonished he had not a thing to say. Her husband's silence failed to astonish her.

"If you peer through these windows so profound, you'll see the womb of the horizon giving life to a new day." Portia turned her tense body away. There was no brightness on the horizon as of yet, but the early hour seemed lighter with the candles around her wavering on diminished tapers.

"Dearest..." Bassanio tried, but with gliding movements, Portia avoided him. She conjured a mirror and peered with hostile eyes at her complexion, seeking the goblin hiding behind her.

"Speak not. For I am to always understand your necessity to be gone with

him..." She proclaimed and hoarsely did Bassanio bring his next words.

"Portia dearest..."

"I mean not to debate this now, for a new day is sprung. How was the fair Antonio this night, and be certain to ask him how he fairs this day, considering mere hours part you from conjoining again." Portia let her eyes circumvent her leering visage. He stood unable to answer.

Stomping so furiously with her words and allowing her temper to unleash the assault, she crippled him. He held his small fingers and rotated the band of silver on his fourth finger, forever pressed there. She knew she had sprung too suddenly from the spot where he had shoved her, concealing his wife from his mind whilst with his dearest Antonio.

"You mean to debate this now..." He had no true tongue, no true vigor. Portia imagined he was much different away from her. She imagined he was boisterous and bubbling with words of both wisdom and frolic.

"Leave your nature and your mind sweet, for your delicate thoughts are flowers that blossom the encouragement of my happiness..." She only heard this perfumed language from him. As his wife, it was what he thought he should give to her. He was a poet in the place of a husband, and she, a ruler in place of a wife whom he found escape from; with Antonio, his colleague and intimate.

"Speak not of my nature or my mind," she demanded, and Bassanio recoiled. He recoiled in such a way that she imagined him without fight or without the need to ever fight with her. Or for her.

"Speak not of it." It was the way it happened. Portia sat on her bed and slowly Bassanio crept closer, the whipped boy with his face condemned and hovering near for pity.

"Speak not of him..."

Staff Pick of the Week

Five Quarters of the Orange
by Joanne Harris

Framboise Dartigen prefers to be known as Framboise Simon upon her return to the town of her childhood in the South of France after fifty years. The town of Les Laveuses is small, with "people who still have not spoken to each other" since the German occupation during the Second World War. It is in this environment that Joanne Harris, author of the acclaimed novel *Chocolat*, unravels the reason for Framboise's return. The story is ultimately about the burden of memory imprisoning the protagonist's mind. She cannot forget her collaboration with a German soldier, how she brought insanity upon her mother by bringing oranges home, or how her mother betrayed Les Laveuses because of her insanity. Over the course of the novel, the past and present are woven together with each ingredient as Framboise cooks her way through her mother's old recipes. Joanne Harris' *Five Quarters of the Orange* is simultaneously dark and humorous, and written so that it reads like poetry.

—Alex BetGeorge '11



Thoroughly Missing Mina

By Keely Mohin '14
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

I woke up. I made myself shower. I pulled on a ripped, holey t-shirt. I stepped into sweatpants. I might have already worn them. I couldn't remember. I pulled my hair back into a ponytail. I didn't comb it. I took my pea coat from beneath my bed. I put it on. I slipped on rain boots. It wasn't raining. I didn't really care, though.

My twin sister was already there. She was always already there. We met once a month at the diner. We sat in the same booth. It was in the far right corner. She thought I liked consistency. I didn't really care, though.

"Hi," I said.

"Hi, Mina!" she said. She stood. She hugged me. I didn't hug her back. She sat back down. I sat across from her. We stared at one another. She could have been me. She looked like me. She had blonde hair. She had brown eyes. She had freckles on her nose. But she didn't look like me. She looked nice. She had done her hair. She had make-up on. She looked like she had slept well. I never slept well. I didn't really care, though.

"How are you sweetie? Mom said she hasn't heard from you in a bit. She's been worried...I've been worried. You haven't answered any of my calls! Part of me didn't think you would show up today..." Mags talked gently. She always talked gently. I shrugged. She waited for me to say something. I didn't. Mags smiled her fake, happy smile. A waitress came.

"What'll it be girls?" She asked. She looked at Mags. People always looked at Mags. No one ever looked at me. I didn't really care, though.

"We'll both have burgers and diet cokes," Mags said. She handed the waitress our menus. She thought I loved burgers. I didn't really care, though.

We waited for our drinks. They came in a few minutes. We both took sips. I didn't taste anything. I drank anyway. Time passed. Mags bit her lip. She sighed. She spoke.

"Are you still seeing Dr. Grayer?" she said in a low voice. She didn't want anyone to hear. She thought I didn't want anyone to hear, too. I didn't really care, though.

"Yeah," I said.

"Every week?"

"Yeah."

"Good, I'm glad. That's really, really good. David said he comes highly recommended. He's one of the best in the field. We want only the best for you. You know we love you, right?" David was Mags' boyfriend. He was a psychiatrist, too. "Right, Mina?" I nodded. Mags tried to smile again. She couldn't. She looked defeated.

The waitress brought our food. Mags took a bite of her burger. I took a bite of my burger. I had a fry. I didn't taste anything. I didn't really care, though.

Mags glanced around the room. I stopped eating. A boy walked by our

table. He pulled on his mother's sleeve. He pointed at my clothes. He looked at me funny. People always looked at me funny. I didn't really care, though.

"So I have some news," Mags said. She sounded happy. She smiled her real, happy smile for once. I stared. "Well, don't you want to hear it?" She almost jumped from her seat. She seemed excited.

"Sure," I said.

"David and I are getting married!" she squealed. She pulled a ring from her purse. She placed it on her finger. "I didn't want to wear it before I told you! I wanted it be a surprise!" She beamed. I tried to smile. I felt odd, so I stopped.

"Aren't you going to say anything?" Mags frowned. She wrinkled her brow. She didn't speak gently.

"Congratulations," I said.

"That's it? You aren't even the least bit excited? This is a big deal, Mina! Can't you at least pretend?" Mags raised her voice. She never raised her voice. People turned to look. I didn't really care, though.

"I'm excited," I said. I didn't sound it. I didn't mean it. I wanted to, but I didn't. Mags got angry. Mags never got angry.

"Don't lie to me, Mina. I can tell you aren't. You're just sitting there...like a log. All you ever do is sit and sleep and stare! You don't feel anything! You don't do anything! You're like a robot. You just sulk all day!"

"I know," I said.

"God, Mina! Can you for once say more than two syllables? Do you know how hard it is to have a conversation with someone who doesn't even speak? I can't take it anymore! I'm sick of caring about you and worrying and wondering if you're okay. I'm sick of planning my life around you. I'm sick of listening to Mom on the phone night after night obsessing about how you're doing. I'm sick of no one in our family ever caring about me or asking me how I'm doing, because they're too busy asking about you. I'm sick of paying for your rent and your food and your phone that you never even use. I'm just sick!" Mags began to cry. I pushed a napkin across the table towards her. She ignored it. I waited.

The waitress came. She placed a check on the table. She stared at us for a moment. Mags wiped her eyes. She glanced at the check. She reached into her purse. She placed some money on the table.

"Don't you have anything to say to me?" I did. I wanted to tell her I could have been her. I wanted to be her. I wanted her happiness. I even wanted her tears. I wanted anything she felt. I never felt anything.

Mags stood from the table.

"I'm done, Mina. I'm really done. No more lunches. No more phone calls. You're finally free of me. You can sit and stare all day long. I hope it makes you happy." Mags left me. People always left me.

This time I cared, though.

Writer In Spotlight

Jonathan Safran Foer
(1977-Present)

Every once in a while, you come across an author whose words generate such an impact that you wonder, how is it that I have not heard about him or her before? This is how I felt when I read *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Johnathan Safran Foer. Although Foer takes the point of view of a nine-year-old boy in this novel, his diction is so intricate and his metaphors so beautiful, that one may initially think they were reading from the memoirs of some great (and rather amusing) philosopher. I finished *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* with a sense of wanting to read more: a sure sign of a great author. However, Foer's genius for words doesn't stop there. He is also the author of the acclaimed novel, *Everything is Illuminated*, which was subsequently turned into a movie, and *Eating Animals*, a work of non-fiction.

—Dara Plath '13

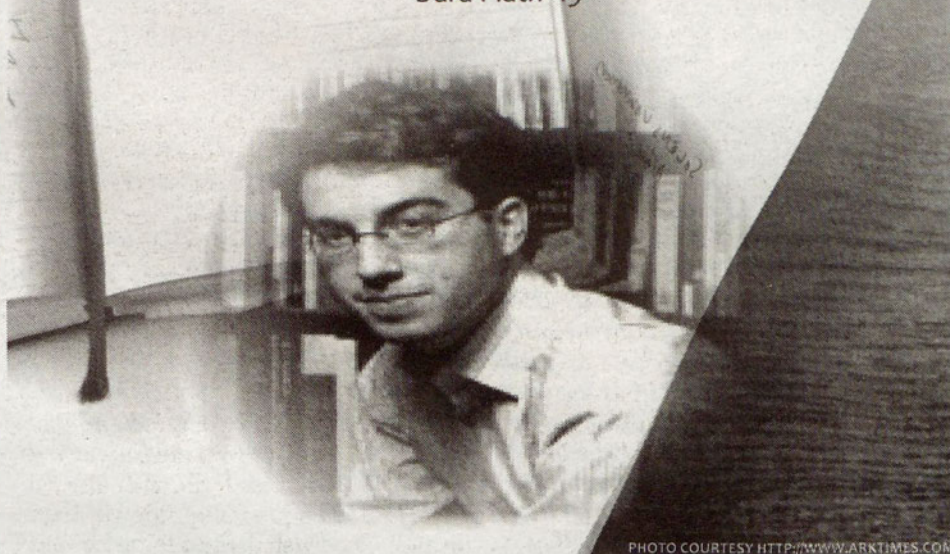


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Love Song 2010

by Bobby Bretz '12
Portfolio Staff

VI. Creation

And will it be worth it, at the end,
After the dust, the world, and even the tea,
In the background, is there static of you and me?
At the dark precipice of time, may we let it be so;
In the rubble of night, have a place we can go—
A fissure in void, for us to amend,
To smelt and to shatter to flatter ourselves,
To dress and redress, to gnaw at our wounds,
To tear down a world that we'll promise to mend,
To litter the sky with detritus and moons,
And perhaps, most brashly, to pretend
We thought of it all.

And will it be worth it, at the end,
Will it be worth all the feigned and frigid smiles,
After the neurons and novas and the sparkling sky,
After the relays, after the switches,
after the whispers of a collapsing star—
After these, and after the scars?
We may create, and know not what it means;
The future is a scattering of electrons on a screen—
Will it be worth the feigned and frigid smiles
If the world that we defend,
If it tells us in its vibrations and gyrations,
"You can only just pretend—
This is but pretend."

Living Life as a Real-Life Superhero

By Dara Plath '13
Asst. Portfolio Editor

FICTION

"Are you awake, Henry?"

Anna slowly got out of bed, feeling the cool air engulf her body as the blankets dropped to the floor. She wrapped her arms around herself, trying to ease the goose bumps forming on her bare skin. She tiptoed over to her brother's bed, careful not to make any sound that would wake their parents in the next room.

Henry was lying on his side, breathing deeply. His eyebrows were furrowed slightly as if he were caught in some thoughtful and demanding dream. Then again, Henry seemed to always look this way: Like a philosopher trying to solve some inner dilemma. Anna shook his arm softly, coaxing him to leave his dream world and come back to their small, dark bedroom.

"What's wrong, Anna?" His voice was raspy from lack of use and he kept his eyes closed, hoping she would return to bed.

"I had a bad dream. I can't sleep." Henry opened his eyes and stared up at his sister. She was only two years younger than him, but she seemed much more child-like and innocent. Her body was hunched over slightly, as if she were trying to shield it from the cold, and he couldn't help but smile a little at her hair, which was a tangled mess of curls that stuck to the sides of her face.

"Alright," he said, sighing a little at the prospect of leaving his warm bed. He got up and grabbed his superman blanket, tightly wrapping it around his sister. She smiled a gap-toothed grin and Henry felt as if he were a real-life Clark Kent.

"Why don't we go downstairs? I'll make you something to eat." Anna shook her head and her dirty blonde curls swayed from side to side. "What do you want to do then?"

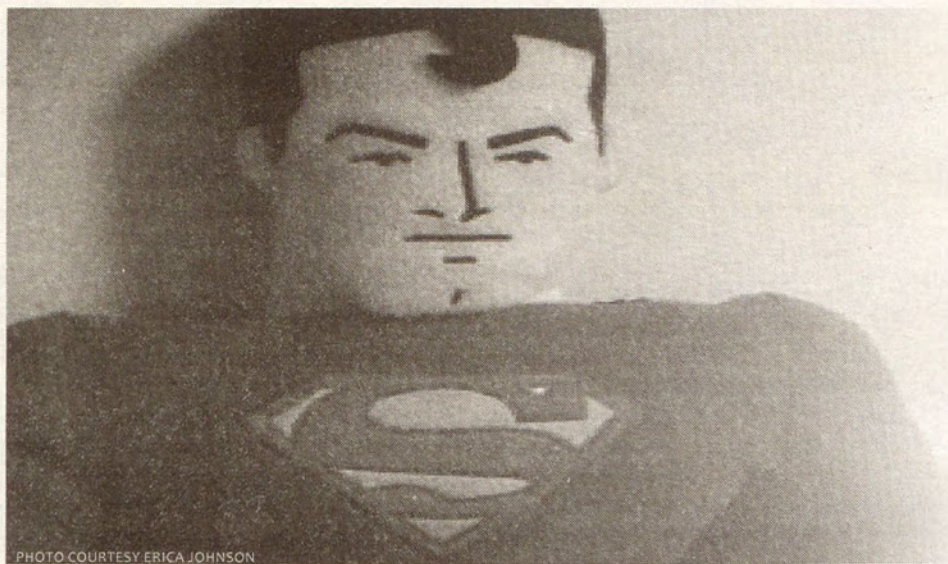


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"I want to see the stars." Her blue eyes twinkled with hope as she stared up at her big brother. Anna was different from other children her age. Even at twelve-years-old, Henry could tell that his sister didn't behave like the rest of her classmates. She always whispered what she said and never looked anyone in the eye, except for Henry.

"Why do you want to see the stars?" he asked, genuinely curious to hear his sister's response.

"Because I want to be a star."

It was partly because of comments like this that Anna was teased so much. Henry tried to protect her from the children who would pull her curls when she sat at her desk and tug at her clothes when she tried to play on the swings. One day, he punched one of the boys for pushing her to the ground. He remembered seeing the scratches on her hands and the look on her face as she held back tears. Henry was her older brother and it was his job to protect her; it was his job to be superman.

Henry looked out the window and into the clear, fall night. The sky sparkled

as if someone had scattered a million little diamonds onto a black canvas. He wanted Anna to be able to see the stars closely, to be able to grasp them within the palm of her hand. Henry crossed over to the window and opened it. A cool breeze hit his face and sent shivers down his spine, reaching all the way to the bottoms of his bare feet.

"Wait here, Anna," he cautioned to his sister. She merely smiled and tugged the blanket more tightly around her shoulders.

Henry lifted his lean body onto the window sill, trying to persuade himself not to look down into the dark, deserted lawn. His plan was to raise himself up onto the roof, then pull Anna up with him. He had done it before. Whenever his parents would fight about Anna, about her "situation," he would climb onto the roof of their house and try to imagine his future. He would always picture something exciting: a professional mountain climber or a lion tamer in a circus.

His sister wanted to be a star. He would do everything in his power to make her dream come true. He grabbed the edge of

the roof and began to lift himself to the top. However, the roof was still wet from the rain the day before, and he lost his grasp. Henry could feel himself slipping; he knew that if he didn't grab onto something, he would fall to the hard, cold ground.

Anna watched as Henry climbed onto the window sill. She noticed that the wind blew back his loose pajama top, making it look like a cape in the dark room. She watched as his feet rose slowly from the sill and into the air, as if he were flying.

"Anna." Henry was only able to say her name before he lost his grasp. He was about to fall to the ground when he felt two arms enclose around his body and pull him back into the room. He landed on the soft carpet, dazed and breathing heavily.

When he looked up, Henry saw his sister standing over him, an angry expression distorting the once childish features of her face.

"You're not Superman!" she said to him, her voice rising above a whisper. She then pointed to the blanket that Henry had draped over her shoulders: "I'm Superman."

Henry crawled over to his sister and wrapped his arms around her. He buried his face in her tangled curls as warm tears began to cloud his vision and fall down his cheeks.

"You're my superhero," he whispered to her.

Anna simply smiled and unraveled herself from his tight hold. She walked over to her bed and jumped into it, burrowing herself into the warm blankets.

"So, I guess you don't want to be a star anymore," said Henry as he sat on the edge of her bed.

"No. I would get too cold living outside all the time."

Henry smiled at his sister and wrapped the superman blanket securely around her shoulders. He sat there until she drifted off to sleep, realizing for the first time that she was a real-life superhero.

The Bleeding Death of the Winter's Cold

By Margaret Barresi '12
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

Liv knew where she was going. She was going to see him. She had tried to resist, to banish his face from her mind, but she couldn't. He haunted her, called her name, invaded her dreams, and refused to be forgotten. "It's not over," he mocked, his voice drilling into her skull like the constant, shrill cry of a ravenous crow. He was waging a war on her mental state. "We're meant to be together," was his battle cry.

She walked silently along the frozen sidewalk. Her steps were brisk, fierce, purposeful, but not even seeming to make an impact on the pavement. Not even leaving a footprint behind. The cold air bit her cheeks; it would be winter soon, the time when all of this would come to an end. She hurried across the street towards the broken-down apartment complex in front of her. With its barred window and harsh concrete siding, it looked like a prison, a place where one could slowly lose their mind.

She remembered the times when she had been trapped inside that dungeon. Sitting on the dirty carpet of his apartment room, they smoked and drank and talked of their lives together. The stale air and rotting walls wrapped them in a lethal cocoon where time and the world passed them by. Before she had been happy

to follow him, to not have to think or decide about her own life. His words went down easy like the sweetest of syrup, masking the toxicity of their poison. A gust of frigid wind brought her back to reality with a cruel slap. She slowly climbed up the shaky front steps, swallowed hard, and jabbed her delicate white finger against the buzzer.

"Yeah? Who's there?" That voice. The only voice that could instill so much fear and love in her heart.

"It's me," she whispered into the intercom.

"WHEN I THINK OF YOU MY HEAD GETS SO COLD THAT MY NOSE BEGINS TO RUN AND I CAN'T THINK..."

He didn't reply. He didn't need to. He knew he already had her under his spell. The lock on the door clicked open, and she carefully made her way inside to the damp lobby. This was it, her last chance to be free, and she had to take it. She slowly walked over to the rickety staircase and began to go up the stairs. She could feel herself growing weaker and weaker with every step she took, as the smell of urine and mold made her head swim. Finally, she reached the fourth floor and dragged her feet down the dark hallway to room 406. She held up her hand to knock, but hesitated for a moment. Could she really do this? Could she really take her life back? Was she strong enough to resist his mind games and false whispers of passion and love? She could. She had to. Winter was coming. It needed to end.

She forced her arm to straighten and came into contact with the

chipped wooden door. She could feel the blood pounding in her ears as she watched the brass doorknob begin to turn. Then, finally, the door slowly opened. He was standing there smiling at her, a wicked smile that cracked his face in half and bared his pointy yellow teeth. He knew. He knew she needed him. He was mocking her. But winter was coming, and his apartment was so cold. He had forgotten that. "I knew you'd come back," he said to her. "I know you need me; it can't be over babe, we're meant to be together."

She turned to look out the window at the dead landscape before her. "You know, Jamie, it will be winter soon. The ground is already frozen and the air is so cold, it steals your breath away. The grass and plants are dead. The trees are now skeletons. Their leaves have abandoned them, left them to face the frost alone. The wind is becoming murderous. It storms into your lungs and constricts them until you begin to suffocate. It's here. Life will disappear for a while, only to come back in the spring. But for now it's gone, dead, over."

"Babe, are you okay? You're not making a lot of sense," he said still smiling, trying to humor her as if she had gone crazy. Maybe she had. Maybe she had lost her mind. She

stolen away who she used to be and left in her wake a crazy, weak shell of a person. No, she knew what she had to do. She had to end it.

"When I look at you, my eyes glaze over with a layer of frozen glass. Your image is distorted and refracted, and it frightens me. When I think about you, my head gets so cold that my nose begins to run and I can't think clearly. I try to cry, but you just chill my tears into ice, and they cut my cheeks. When you're with me, I feel trapped inside my body. I feel trapped inside a blanket of air so cold that the blood flowing through my veins freezes. I shake and shiver, and my teeth chatter so violently that I'm scared they're going to break. You've frozen my tongue. I can't speak to you, I can't tell you what I want. It's possible to freeze to death, Jamie. The cold can kill. It can steal away life, and warmth, and goodness. It's killed my heart. All I am now is cold."

"Babe come on, we're meant to be together!" He begged her, sensing that something inside her had changed.

"No Jamie, the seasons are turning. It will be winter soon. The earth is dead and cold. It's the end. It's finally over."

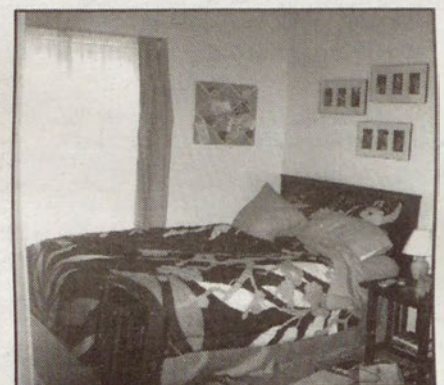
She didn't even wince as she heard him fall to the floor. Standing over his body, she stared at the crimson blood flowing out of his chest. Slowly she reached down and lightly ran her finger over his white arm. He was so cold. Touching the red liquid as it seeped onto the floor, she felt a cold shiver run

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Scores • Standings • Statistics • Schedules • Standouts

Carey took first place honors at the Big East Championship, completing the eight-kilometer race in a time of 24:56.8.



Veharanta led the Friars to a 3-1 victory over Yale with two goals. The goals were scored within ten seconds of each other.

Schedules

Men's Swim & Dive vs. Boston College	6:00 p.m.
Women's Swim & Dive vs. Boston College	6:00 p.m.

Standings

	Hockey East			Overall		
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Boston University	4	0	1	6	0	1
Boston College	3	1	0	5	2	0
Providence	2	2	1	2	4	1
Maine	2	0	0	4	1	2
Merrimack	1	1	1	2	1	2
Northeastern	1	2	1	1	4	2
Massachusetts	0	2	2	0	4	2
UMass Lowell	1	5	0	1	5	2
New Hampshire	0	0	1	2	1	2
Vermont	0	1	1	0	2	2

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Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Boston College	3	0	1	6	0	2
Northeastern	1	0	1	6	1	2
New Hampshire	1	0	0	7	2	0
Boston University	0	0	1	6	1	1
Providence	0	0	1	7	2	1
Connecticut	0	2	1	1	7	1
Vermont	0	3	1	1	3	4
Maine	0	0	0	4	4	0

NCAA: A Mere Five Unbeaten Teams Remain

by Nick Aiken '12
Assistant Sports Editor

NCAA FOOTBALL

Only five teams remain with unblemished records after 10 weeks of action, three of which are non-BCS schools—Oregon, Auburn, TCU, Boise State, and Utah. And after Saturday, only four teams will remain undefeated as TCU and Utah face off against one another in Salt Lake City. Last year four teams—Alabama, Texas, Boise State, and TCU—were able to accomplish the rare feat of finishing the regular season without any losses. This season has been a lot different than previous seasons as highly ranked teams have fallen to not as touted opponents and upsets have seemed to occur much more often than in years past.

It is almost certain that at least two teams will finish the season undefeated—Boise State and the winner of the TCU/Utah game on Saturday. Boise State has a fairly easy remaining schedule. The only threat they really face is Nevada, but let's be honest; calling Nevada a threat is being very generous to their program. So, barring a perfect game out of Nevada

over several ranked opponents—South Carolina, Arkansas, and LSU. Nonetheless, they have not yet played against the toughest opponent on their schedule—Alabama. The rivalry between Auburn and Alabama, known as the Iron Bowl, is said to be the biggest rivalry game in college football, and this year will undoubtedly be a game for the ages as both teams are very highly ranked. The winner of this game is likely to win the SEC and play for the national championship. Will Auburn be able to beat Alabama or will the Crimson tide spoil their season? We will have to wait until Nov. 26 to find out.

Last, but certainly not least, is Oregon. Currently ranked number one in the BCS standings, the Ducks are in great shape to finish the season without any tallies in the loss column. Led by sophomore cornerback and special teams maestro Cliff Harris, one of the most exciting, versatile, and daunting players in the country, the Ducks have looked impressive on both sides of the ball as they have been able to score at will while slowing down potent Pac-10 offenses. Oregon has beaten two strong opponents in Stanford and USC, but they have yet to play Arizona and Oregon State. Arizona has a very



Oregon's Cliff Harris has been a force to be reckoned with all season and leads the Ducks' special team's corps.

or any of the other teams the Broncos face, Boise State will finish another season with an untarnished record.

If TCU beats Utah on Saturday, they are also pretty much guaranteed to finish another season undefeated as they face two dire opponents in San Diego State and New Mexico. If Utah wins this weekend, they are also very likely to end the year with zero losses, but cross-state rival BYU could spoil their hopes of winning out. Even though the Cougars are having a down year, anything can happen in college football, especially in rivalry games. I would not at all be surprised if they pull off the upset.

So now we are down to Auburn and Oregon. Let's begin with Auburn. Playing in the premier conference in college football, the Tigers have looked very impressive, tallying wins

strong team this year, and if they are able to slow down the Duck's offense, they have a good chance of spoiling their season as they did a few years ago. Oregon's final game, against rival Oregon State, will not be an easy game either. The Beavers will have home field advantage and will give the Ducks everything they've got. An upset would not be shocking at all.

If Oregon and Auburn finish the season undefeated they will undoubtedly play against each other in the BCS National Championship, but neither team has an easy remaining road to Glendale, Ariz. If either team falls, either Boise State, TCU, or Utah will get their long awaited shot to prove that they can compete and conquer the elite BCS teams. The rest of the 2010 season is shaping up to be one for the ages, and history will undoubtedly be made.

HOCKEY: Win and a Tie over the Weekend

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third period on a power-play, the Friars increased their lead to 3-1 only 9:18 into the period, their second goal of the night. Ian O'Connor '11 emerged with the puck and skated to the slot before ripping a wrist shot off the cross bar and into the net. The assist was credited to Matt Bergland '12. UMass responded at 12:47 when they scored an unassisted goal which brought the Friars' lead down to 3-2.

The Minutemen were unable to score the last goal to tie it up as PC goalie Alex Beaudry '12 kept the pucks out with 32 saves, including two point-blank saves in the third period. For UMass, they only recorded 24 stops total.

"[It] always energizes your team to come home and play a home game," said Coach Army.

Friday's game was just as competitive, but with a different outcome. The Friars tied the game 3-3 and preserved the tie through overtime in another game against UMass, this time at the Mullins Center, UMass's home rink.

UMass opened the game at 9:15 into the first period, only 15 seconds after a PC power play to take a 1-0 lead. A Minuteman dropped a pass back to another teammate who scored from the slot that started the score. Providence then evened out the game late in the period as O'Connor netted his first goal of the season. The freshman players also had a good night as Kevin Hart '14 played the puck ahead and then skated off the ice for a line change while O'Connor collected the puck at the center of the ice. He then skated into the UMass zone and rifled a wrist shot that beat the UMass goalie to the stick side at 18:40.

The second period was good for the Friars, as they created more scoring opportunities and outshot

the Minutemen, 13-4, but it was the Minutemen who took a 2-1 lead with 43 seconds left in the period. The Minutemen stole a pass at center ice and then set up another teammate who scored close to the net. However, the Friars responded with one second left in the period to tie the game. The two captains, O'Connor and MacKinnon, were involved in a scrum in front of the net and MacKinnon pounced on the loose puck to score his team-leading fourth goal of the season. The second assist came from Farrer.

At the 2:13 mark of the third period, Providence took a 3-2 lead on a goal by Germain. He skated with the puck behind the UMass net and his wrap-around attempt snuck into the near post. UMass responded with a score on the power play at 16:17 to bring the score to an even 3-3 and forced the overtime.

In the end, Beaudry had a total of 31 saves for the Friars, while UMass had a total of 34. The Friars outshot the Minutemen with a total of 37-34 shots.

"We are playing a more aggressive play of hockey," said Bergland. "It is riskier, but it gives the forwards the change to charge and make plays."

In reference to future games Germain said the team needs to "make sure we refine what we do and make sure we play the best we can."

"It feels good with the team, as a whole," said Bergland. "All our hard work is paying off and we are being rewarded and we just need to continue with our efforts and not get on too much of a high from our past two games."

The Friars are back on the ice on Friday, Nov. 5, when they host Merrimack at Schneider Arena. Come support the Men's Hockey Team. According to Coach Army, Beaudry will again be in goal for that home game.

FRIARS: Next Step Is Getting to Nationals

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"I was very pleased with the way both teams performed this weekend, especially the men," said Head Coach Ray Treacy. "They went into the meet as the sixth ranked team and beat three nationally ranked teams to finish third, capped off by Lee's great individual victory."

The Men's Cross Country Team raced against four Big East teams that are ranked among the top 30 in the country. No. 17 Syracuse University, who hosted the meet, also defended their title as the Big East Champion by boosting a first place finish. No. 29 Villanova beat out No. 23 Notre Dame and No. 21 Georgetown to come in fourth, following close behind by the other two ranked teams, respectively.

The Lady Friars posted a fourth place finish, led by Shelby Greany '13. Greany, with a time of 20:50.5, finished fourth out of the 133 runners that competed. Following Greany across the finish line of this six-kilometer race was Hannah Davidson '12, who finished 17th with a time of 21:37.8. Mary Kate Champagne '12 came in right behind Davidson with an 18th place finish in a time of 21:39.1. Rounding out the scoring for the Lady Friars were Charlotte O'Carroll '12 and Emma Perron '11, who finished 25th (21:58.8) and 26th (22:00.2), respectively. Also crossing the finish line for the Friars were Sam Roecker '13 (34th, 22:28.6) and Amie Schumacher '11 (39th,

22:34.6). The Lady Friars finished with 90 points.

"Everyone ran a solid race and ran a tough competitive race. Our goal was to get top three so we just missed that but there is room for improvement, which is good," said Greany. "It will only motivate us for the next few weeks of training."

The No. 13 Providence women followed No. 1 Villanova, No. 5 Georgetown, and No. 8 Syracuse across the finish line. "The women were beaten by three teams ranked in the top eight nationally and [we] were close enough to Syracuse to suggest that we can beat them at Regionals," said Coach Treacy.

The next race for both the men and women's teams is the NCAA Regional meet, which takes place in Madison, Conn. on Nov. 13. This race will help decide if either team will make it to the NCAA Championship meet, and not solely individual runners.

"The goals for Regionals is to get both teams to Nationals. The women have a chance to win Regionals and have done enough during the season to get into NCAA's even if they finish fourth," said Coach Treacy. "The men helped themselves at Big East by beating the three ranked teams. A top three finish should see them make NCAA's."

The NCAA Northeast Regional Meet is being held in Madison, Conn.

Got a Minute?

Alexis Smith '12 catches up with Alexis Fatigati '11 of the Women's Swim Team.



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Providence Ties No. 5 BU behind Lacasse's 40 Saves

by Al Daniel '11
Sports Staff

MEN'S HOCKEY

For the first time in her young college career, Boston University's freshman phenom Marie-Philip Poulin was held pointless last Friday.

The Women's Hockey Team's defensive corps can lay claim to that milestone. The Friars as a whole can also claim that they halted the potent Terriers' six-game winning streak through a dramatic 2-2 tie on the strength of Kate Bacon's '12 swooping equalizer with 8:25 to spare in the third period.

Though not quite as celestial or productive as their newfound rivals, the Friars (6-2-0 entering Tuesday's visit to Yale) flaunted enough similarities to the Terriers (now 6-1-1) in last week's arm-wrestling bout.

Both teams are patently overstocked on offense, with BU now averaging 4.25 goals per game and the Friars 3.78 goals. Both have stability in the cage in Genevieve Lacasse '12 and Kerrin Sperry. Both are keen and capable on each side of the special teams' spectrum.

And both have shown that they prefer to omit the word "quit" from their dictionary, especially during their showdown, wherein each team had its turn safeguarding a lead and deleting a deficit.

"I thought it was a great hockey game," said PC Head Coach Bob Deraney. "They played great, we played great. It was up and down, really competitive. We're not satisfied with the tie, I always believe it should be a winner, but it was a terrific hockey game. I'm really proud of the way our kids competed."

The Friars took the game's first sugar rush, controlling the shooting gallery



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Abby Gauthier '12 assisted Rebecca Morse's '14 first collegiate goal against No. 5 Boston University on Friday, Oct. 29. The Friars tied the Terriers 2-2.

8-2 within the first seven minutes. BU caught up in that category, but Sperry was still the first stopper to blink when Providence defender Rebecca Morse '14 went out of her way into the slot to one-time Bacon's pass home with 14:46 off the clock.

By then, PC was ahead 12-11 in the way of shots. But for the rest of the ride, the salivating Terriers heaved 30 pucks at Lacasse while only letting 16 get to Sperry.

"Early in the game, I thought every time we got near the puck, they got

a stick on it or had an arm or a hand on us, and we weren't quite ready to match their intensity," said BU head coach Brian Durocher.

"So for 10 minutes, they were kind of in charge and giving us fits. After that, I think we got grounded and played a pretty good game."

After killing three unanswered penalties early in the second period to stay within a goal, the Terriers clicked once their power play got the chance. With 1:03 left till intermission, New Hampshire transfer Jenn Wakefield,

stationed at the far outer hash marks, reeled in a pass from point patroller Catherine Ward and slugged it over Lacasse's mitt.

At 3:59 of the third, Wakefield struck again, taking another pass from Ward up neutral ice and letting a long distance bouncer trickle in for a 2-1 edge.

The ensuing pressure on the Friars, at least to a mild extent, refreshed the sting of those three empty second period power plays. And only 65 seconds after Wakefield's go-ahead goal, Poulin was boxed for bodychecking, but Providence whiffed again on one power play shot.

"Put a couple of goals in there, and maybe it's a different game," said Deraney. "Against a team like that, when you get opportunities to score, you need to score. If you don't, it could come back to haunt you. That's what happened."

"But a lesser team, too, when they went ahead, 2-1, would have said 'Hey, pretty good effort tonight. Let's look forward to the next game.' Not our kids. They're going to fight until somebody tells them they can't fight any longer."

In the first six minutes following Wakefield's second strike, BU bought seven tries to bulk up its lead. But Lacasse repelled six of those shots while forward Corrine Buie '14 blocked and cleared the other.

Less than two minutes later, Bacon buried her team-leading eighth goal of the season, ultimately salvaging a precious point in the Hockey East standings at the expense of the defending conference champions.

"Coming into the game, I was very nervous, but a good nervous, anxious to play a good team," said Morse. "At times, we were running around a little bit, but overall I think we handled them pretty well."

Volleyball Team Takes Lumps in Two Losses

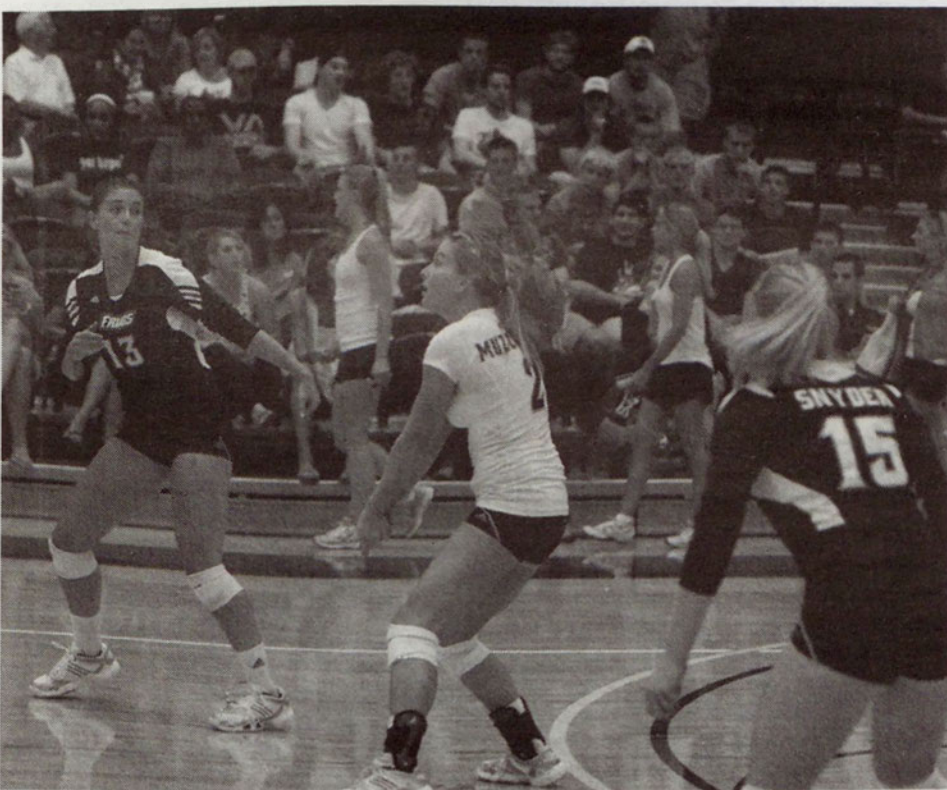
by Sean Bailey '14
Sports Staff

VOLLEYBALL

This Halloween weekend would prove to be far from a treat for the Providence Friars, as they dropped two league matches to Hartford (3-2) and Stony Brook (3-0). The Friars fought hard on Friday, Oct. 29 against the Hartford Hawks, needing all five sets to decipher a winner. But on Sunday Oct. 31, the Friars fell in straight sets to the Stony Brook Seawolves. The two losses set the Friars down a three game losing streak.

The Friars' contest on Friday would be the most exhilarating of the matches, as they gave the Hawks all they could handle. Both teams exhibited how tightly played this game would be in the first set. Both teams battled back and forth until Providence went on a 6-0 run, swelling their lead to 15-8. It would be a lead that the Friars would never relinquish, as Shelagh Dolan '12 finished the Hawks with a kill, assisted by Carly Morrison '12. The Friars played very well in the opening set, committing only four errors in the set, compared to seven by the Hawks.

But the Hawks' wings were not clipped and they flew right back into the match, taking the second set 26-24. This set would be dominated by quick runs spurred by both teams, with Hartford striking first, roaring on a 10-4 run after PC tied the set up at 10. But the Friars would not roll over. They jumped back into the set, keyed by three kills by Lauren Fletcher '12. The Hawks remained perched on top however, up 24-22, before Providence pushed one more time, starving off game point when they tied the set at 24. But the Hawks were unfazed and



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Libero Cassie Muzzonigro '13 led the Providence with nine digs in the Friars' loss against Stony Brook on Sunday, Oct. 31.

collected the next two points to capture a very exciting set.

The third set would belong to the Hawks as well, but again it was tightly contested, a true seesaw the entire way. Neither team would get above a two-point lead throughout the set, and the set saw 19 ties. The Friars were down 20-18, before they mounted an attack keyed by two Hawks errors and a kill by Emily Morris '11, as they grabbed a lead at 21-20 in the set. But, the Hawks would prove too pesky to finish off, as they rallied to gain control of the set with three unanswered. Providence

would not quit, as Emily Hall '14 got a kill to draw within one, then the Hawks grabbed a point, pushing the Friars to game point. Fletcher stepped up for the Friars, notching another kill, but it was not enough as the Hawks would respond immediately, finishing the set with a 25-23 win, and grabbing a 2-1 set lead in the match.

Staring down the barrel of another loss, the Friars came out firing on all cylinders in the fourth set, quickly jumping out to an 11-5 lead, keyed by Hawk errors, and a kill apiece from Hall, Dolan, and Fletcher. The Friars would

not forfeit their lead either, keeping it in a stranglehold en route to a 25-19 win in the set and laying the scene out for an epic winner take all fifth set.

The fifth set opened with Hartford coming out looking to atone for a lackluster fourth set as they jumped to a 4-1 lead. The Friars were undeterred as they took four straight points to take a 5-4 lead, keyed by a kill by Fletcher and Lauren Hendel '12. From then on, no team would lead by more than two points and there were 11 ties in the remainder of the set. The Friars faced a game point situation at 14-12, but they showed their resiliency, keyed by a Fletcher kill and an error that tied the set at 14. Both teams would swing back and forth, until the Friars grabbed a 19-18 lead on a Fletcher kill. It would be the Friars' last point of the match, however, as Hartford nabbed the last three points to win a tightly contested set 21-19, and best the Friars in the nail bitter 3-2.

For the Friars, Fletcher and Hall starred, tallying 17 kills apiece, while Hendel added 12 kills and Dolan nine. Cassie Muzzonigro '13 picked up 16 digs, while Hendel had 12.

The match Sunday would not be nearly as contested for the Friars, as they fell to the Seawolves in straight sets with scores of 17-25, 18-25, and 18-25. However, there were some bright spots, as Fletcher collected 13 kills while hitting .565 in the match. Morrison had a Rondo-like assist tally of 21 in the match.

The Friars saw their record fall to 10-20 overall and 2-7 in America East play. They finish up their home schedule this weekend on Friday, Nov. 5, against Binghamton at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 5:00 p.m. against Albany. The match against Albany will be the Friars' Senior Night, as seniors support the seniors.

The SPORTSBOS

with Chris Torello

COMMENTARY

Does everyone know where Schneider Arena is on campus? I only raise the question because for each of the Women's Hockey home games, there has been minimal student support. Maybe it's the fact that women's college hockey does not receive significant national attention. Perhaps it's because some of the team's games fall on Sunday, which is a day devoted to homework, hangovers, and football. Personally, I think it has to do with the fact that women's hockey just isn't given the proper respect on the Providence College campus.

At a recent Friar Faithful meeting, President Daniel James asked his members for more fans at Schneider to help support the team. He even went to the lengths of saying that this team could very well win the National Championship this season.

Guess what? He's right.

The Women's Hockey Team has speed, powering shots, defensive intensity, and the will to grind out wins night in and night out. They have a goaltender between the pipes that hates giving up goals more than anyone at her position in the nation. More importantly, the Women's Hockey Team has the best coach at Providence College, Bob Deraney.

Coach Deraney is currently in his 12th season at Providence. He is coming off of a regular season Hockey East Championship and his first ever Coach of the Year honors. Deraney has helped the Friars become just the second team in the nation to reach 600 wins in its program's history. (New Hampshire is the only other.) He recruits at the highest level while maintaining a low-key atmosphere at PC. His confidence and soft-spoken personality away from the ice works well with his intensity to win when he is behind the bench. Deraney probably does not get paid \$1.2 million per season, but he is the best coach at PC and will continue to be as he and his team continue to place in or near the top 10 and compete for Conference and National titles.

Women's Hockey does not bring in revenue like Men's Basketball. That's the name of the game: Revenue. It's unfortunate to see because this team has million dollar baby written all over it. They are cocky yet humble, and they always do their talking out on the ice.

It's time for Friartown to back this team and for students to make their way over to Schneider Arena. Yes, that may require a few Sundays, but it's worth it. It does not take a lot to make some noise, but it will help the team play better. The team is great when no one is in the Arena. They are

The Women's Hockey Team Deserves Better



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The Women's Hockey Team, under the direction of Coach Bob Deraney, has been one of the most successful teams in recent memory at Providence.

currently receiving the most votes for a team not ranked in the Top-10 national standings. They battle and beat the best every year.

Now imagine what they could do if they had the support of the crowd and cheers of encouragement. They have already won conference

titles and gotten home-ice advantage for conference tournaments by themselves. The only thing left is winning a National Title. That's where you, the students, can help out.

The Friars' next home game is this Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2:00 p.m. against Maine. Will you be there?

Distance Swimmers Shine in Loss to Stags

by Dan McNamara '12
Sports Staff

SWIM

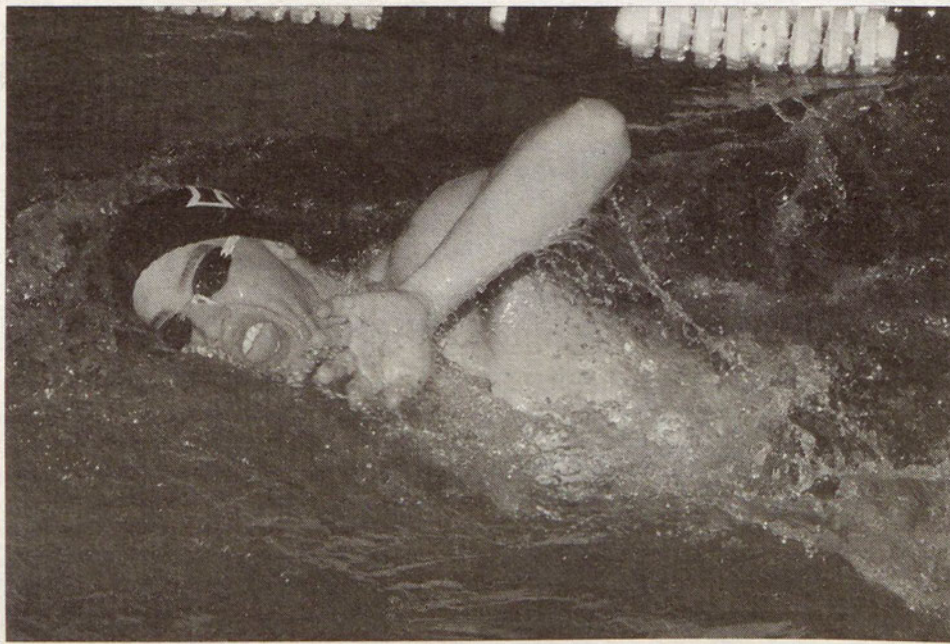
Every wolf pack has its leader. For the Men's Swimming and Diving Team's meet this past weekend against Fairfield, the leader of the pack was Eric Burtchell '13. Burtchell found himself at the head of the pack on three separate occasions.

Burtchell took the 800-meter race in a time of 9:07.29, the 400-meter race in 4:19.90, and the 200-meter race in 2:00.97. Burtchell, who has taken on the unofficial role of freestyle phenom, took all of these freestyle events as he tried to lead the pack to its first victory of the season.

Classmate Chris Morales '13 was very impressive on the men's side also, as he found himself way ahead of the pack by almost three seconds in the 200-meter butterfly. Morales took first in the event in a time of 2:16.36. Colin Casciano '12 took second in the event with a time of 2:19.39.

Coach O'Neill and the Friars got an extra kick off the wall from Kenny Savage '14 as he was able to earn a win for Providence in the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 2:16.09. Savage followed up his performance with a second place finish in the 100-meter backstroke, and finished within one second of the first place finisher. Ben Kardian '13, Jimmy Cebulski '11, and Jordan Emerick '11 did well for the Friars in the 1-meter diving event. Despite the impressive showing, the men ultimately fell to Fairfield by a final score of 162-138.

For the women, there was a pack of four swimmers that proved to stand out for the Friars. The fearsome foursome of Samantha DeGroff '14, Jillian Mullany '14, Courtney Larcom '11, and Erin Nanna '13 formed their own pack to team up in the 400-meter freestyle relay. They beat Fairfield's top



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Brian Silva '11 took fourth place in the 200-meter freestyle against Fairfield. Silva finished with a time of 2:07.78.

foursome with a final time of 4:12.52—nearly four seconds in front of the Stags' squad.

Larcom shined individually as well. She took second place in the 800-meter freestyle with a time of 9:49.78. Alexis Fatigati '11 took second in the 200-meter freestyle and was a mere two seconds off of the lead with a time of 2:15.46.

Providence, it seems, is growing stronger and stronger in the distance freestyle races with each passing week. The Friars have consistently placed top finishers in races at above the 200-meter level. This bodes well for Providence as the meat of the season approaches. Providence will swim a matter of five meets in twelve days this month.

The women's team also got a spark from Allie Black '13 as she won both 1-meter diving heats of the day, posting a score of 160.80 in the first heat and 223.72 in the second. So

far this year, Black has yet to finish out of the top two in all five 1-meter diving competitions. Amie Fracker '13 was also diving ahead of the field as she had two second place finishes in the heats.

A two-three finish for the women in the 100-meter breaststroke by Julia Rivera '14 and Kelly Lamoreaux '13 was another bright spot in the meet.

The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams are back in the water this Saturday, Nov. 6, when they head to New Jersey to take on Seton Hall in their Big East opener.

For the men, they face a Pirates team that is 3-1 thus far, coming off wins against Drexel and Lafayette. The women face an even more formidable squad as they face a Pirates team that is 4-0 for the first time in school history. Look for the foursome of Seton Hall and the team of DeGroff, Mullany, Larcom, and Nanna to square off in an intense race.

Women's Hockey Tops Yale 3-1

by Nick Aiken '12
Assistant Sports Editor

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The Women's Hockey Team extended its unbeaten streak to three games on Tuesday night with a non-conference win over Yale. The Friars proved to be superior to the Bulldogs in every facet of the game, winning by a final score of 3-1.

The Friars were led by Laura Veharanta '12 who scored two goals within ten seconds of one another in the first period. These were Veharanta's fourth and fifth goals of the season respectively.

Yale cut the deficit to 2-1 with a second period goal, but that's the closest the Bulldogs were able to get as Kate Bacon '12 added another goal on an empty net during the final minute of play. Bacon has netted an impressive nine goals through the first ten games of the season.

Goaltender Genevieve Lacasse '12, who was named Hockey East Goaltender of the Month, stopped 14 of the 15 shots she faced. Lacasse has been dominant all season and is a very worthy recipient of Goaltender of the Month honors.

PC dominated Yale, outshooting the Bulldogs 39-15. Both the offense and defense contributed to this impressive statistic as they were able to fire a high number of shots while preventing the Bulldogs from getting near their net.

The Friars return to action on Saturday, Nov. 6, when they travel to Walter Brown Arena for a rematch with Hockey East foe No. 5 Boston University.



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How will fans view the Vikings' Brett Favre twenty years from now?

Today, no one knows the name Tony Smith. He and Brett Favre will always be connected in football history. Besides their playing days at the University of Southern Mississippi, Tony Smith was the draft pick given to the Falcons for Favre.

Twenty years from now, every one will remember and know the name Brett Favre. And no, it is not because pictures of him when he was 41 will be on the Web, or because he has cried wolf over and over again by saying he was going to retire but always returning on Week 1 ready to play, and play he has. His rugged persona and gritty mindset have made his career into an NFL Films story that has the making to be an Oscar winning picture. Brett Favre doesn't believe in resting on the Sabbath. His gunslinger mentality and improvisational throws will most likely never be seen again, along with his unbreakable streak of 292 consecutive starts.

When Coach Mike Holmgren took Favre off the bench on that September day in 1992, no one, not even Favre himself, knew what that meant. He probably didn't picture his first pass on the Packers to be deflected and caught by himself for a seven-yard loss. But 20 years from now, people will remember the streak, the iron man mentality that he brought play after play, and his willingness to never back down.

Some Packer fans, including one of my roommates, have a love for Brett like a father has for his son even though Favre may be on the Vikings. In the hearts and memories of football fans, he will always be a Packer. The greatest post-Lombardi Packer, if not the greatest period, will be enshrined in Canton as a Packer and 20 years from now, when his picture appears in print, on television or in cyberspace, there will be a green "G" somewhere nearby.

- Dan McNamara '13

Brett Favre is one of the greatest players in the history of the National Football League, period. Despite the fact that he has struggled on the field this year, been disloyal to the Green Bay Packers organization by coming out of retirement to play for rival Minnesota, and has been surrounded by allegations involving things not related to football, Favre has earned himself a spot in the Hall of Fame. He has become one of the most iconic quarterbacks of all-time and is an idol for countless other players in and around the league.

Many people, though very few Packers fans, even go as far as saying that Favre is the greatest player to ever play the game. Is this argument justified? Yes. He holds nearly every major record in NFL history including passing yards, touchdowns, and wins. He is an 11-time Pro-Bowler, a three-time NFL MVP, a Super Bowl Champion, and a five-time NFC Player of the Year. Favre also brought many things to the league that don't show up on the statistics sheet, such as unparalleled heart, passion, charisma, leadership, and durability.

An athlete should be measured by success on the field just as a car salesman is measured by how many cars he sells, or as an author is measured by how many books he writes. If Favre wants to prance around our television screens in Wrangler jeans to make an extra buck, so be it. If he wants to change his mind about retirement more times than Rosie O'Donnell changes her mind in Ben & Jerry's, that's fine with me. All I care about when analyzing his career and determining what his legacy will be is what he did on the field. In that regard, he didn't do too darn bad.

- Nick Aiken '12

DOPE



SHEET

by John Butler '11
Sports Editor

SPORTS DIGEST

The Big East Might Be Getting Bigger. *The Providence Journal* reports that the Big East is looking to add two more football schools to its ranks in the interest of keeping the Big East alive. Villanova's football team is contemplating a move up to the Big East, and the member schools support such a move. The league might look outside of the East to fill the final spot, perhaps to Texas Christian, Central Florida, Memphis, Houston, or Temple. It is possible that the final spot might be offered as a football-only invitation.

Of course, the easiest way to resolve the problem would be for one school in the conference—which shall remain nameless—to reinstate its football program of happy memory. See the Nov. 16, 1935 issue of *The Cowl* for details.

Locals Make Good. There is an uncanny number of local athletes who are mainstays of Providence athletics. Eric Burtchell '13 and Wilder Arboleda '13 of Pawtucket, Derek Army '14 and Eric Baier '11 of North Kingstown, Julie Ruggieri '11 of Barrington, and Jenna Roncarati '13 of Cumberland are all Rhode Islanders who wear the black and white.

The Season Begins. The Men's Basketball Team is playing its only exhibition game of the season on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunk. The game will be the first NCAA experience for the seven newcomers to the squad.

Best Week Ever. It seems that there is no better time than the present for the Men's Soccer Team. The offense has been producing, the defense has been stingy, and they won their first round conference tournament game on Wednesday. To top it off, Bryan Minogue '11 was named to the College

Sports Information Directors of America/ESPN Academic All-District 1 Second Team this week. Minogue joined the team as a walk-on in 2007 and was named team captain this year.

Perspective. In cross country races, each team enters seven runners. The top five finishers contribute to the team's overall score. At the Big East Championship, all of Providence's seven runners—for both the men and the women—finished in the top 50.

Saved. It comes as no surprise to us at *The Cowl* that Women's Hockey goaltender Genevieve Lacasse '12 has been racking up the honors for her play as of late. Lacasse stopped an astronomical 40 shots in Providence's 2-2 tie against No. 5 Boston University.

A Tip of the Cap. A tip of the cap goes out to all Providence athletes. There were a total of six wins and two ties this week (along with several close losses). The Friars are dominating across the board in all sports, both in conference and out of conference. With a few fall teams still going strong and the winter teams just getting the ball rolling, this is an exciting time to follow Providence sports. Keep it up, Friars.

This Week's On-Campus Game to Catch. Merrimack comes to town on Friday, Nov. 5, for a 7:00 p.m. date with the Men's Hockey Team at Schneider Arena. The Friars enter the conference match-up coming off of a win over UMass-Amherst last weekend. Merrimack is 1-1-1 so far in conference play.

This Week's Off-Campus Game to Read About. Be sure to read the line on the Men's Soccer Team's second round Big East Tournament game against Georgetown on Saturday, Nov. 6 in Washington, D.C. Providence lost to Georgetown last month by a narrow 1-0 decision. The Friars have allowed no more than one goal in each of their last six games, during which time they have strung together a nifty unbeaten streak.

Providence Ends Season with Romp over Georgetown

by Meg O'Neill '12
Sports Staff

FIELD HOCKEY

This past weekend, the Field Hockey Team (5-13, 1-5 Big East) downed their Big East foes, the Georgetown Hoyas, 4-1, in Washington D.C. The Hoyas (6-13, 1-5 Big East) took the lead early on from a goal off of a penalty corner within the first six minutes of the competition. It did not take long for the Providence team to respond and make a comeback.

The Friars not only tied their opponents, but also took a 2-1 lead before the end of the first half. The tying goal was scored by Deirdre Quinn '12, and the go-ahead goal by Nicole Fernandez '13. This was the first of two goals for the sophomore who has been a strong presence on the team and will definitely be a leader on the turf next season.

Head Coach Diane Madl called Fernandez a "scoring punch on the forward line" and "[looks] forward" to seeing her performance and role on the team next year.

The second half was dominated by the Friars, on both the defensive and offensive ends. The Hoyas could not find the back of the cage, while the Friars scored another two goals to seal



Jaime Lipski '11 is one of the Field Hockey Team's six seniors who will be graduating this year. Lipski had two shots in the Friars' victory over Georgetown.

the win. Fernandez scored the third goal at 53:37 and Ashlyn Hudson '11 scored the fourth and final goal with just 1:41 left in the game.

Providence finished the season with a big win, which was even more meaningful because it came against a Big East rival. Coach Madl said that throughout the season they have been "improving and growing, and it all came together on Saturday."

All of the hard work that has been demonstrated on the field, both in games and in practices, finally clicked against Georgetown, and the Friars ended the season on a high note.

The field hockey team is graduating six seniors this year: Kelly Grogan '11, Hudson, Jaime Lipski '11, Joscelyn Mahon '11, Julie Ruggieri '11, and Christine Sideris '11.

"I cannot thank [the seniors] enough

for the impact they left on the program and on us, the coaches, as individuals," said Coach Madl. "[They are] leaving the program in a better place than it was when they got here."

The Providence team has grown considerably throughout the season. According to Coach Madl, the team has become "much more consistent in all areas—from the defensive end to the offensive piece." From the first game to the last game, the Friars have taken "baby steps" in the right direction, and it always feels good to end on a positive note, especially for the seniors on the team.

Although the Friars only won five games this season, and one in Big East play, their "record is not indicative to overall play" said Madl.

The team has stepped up on the offensive end since September. They have recorded more shots on goal, and in some cases, bypassed their opponents. The team's defense has tightened up and has not allowed more than two goals to be scored against them since Oct. 9.

Providence is looking forward to preparing for a new season. They hope to carry the momentum from the last game to their post-season practices and into next year. Madl said they are going to "use the Georgetown game to build on next season."

With six commitments for next year's team, Madl is "looking forward to the additions to the program."



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A WINNING WEEK

Carey's Win Leads Harriers at Big East

by Bridget Stack '13
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CROSS COUNTRY

The Big East Championship proved to be a successful meet for both the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams this past weekend. Lee Carey '12 won his first individual Big East Championship title with a first place finish out of a field of 188 competitors. The Men's Cross Country Team took a third place finish out of the 14 teams that competed. The Lady Friars also raced well, finishing fourth out of a field of 16 teams.

Carey, who ran the eight-kilometer race in a time of 24:56.8, finished a solid eight and a half seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Carey ran the race with an average mile time of 5:02. A quick succession of Providence College runners followed Carey across the finish line to help secure the third place finish. Dominic Channon '12 led the way with an 11th place finish in 25:29.4.

The next harriers that crossed the finish line for the Friars were Matt Terry '12, who earned 17th place with a time of 25:50.3; he was followed by Julian Matthews '12, who posted a 22nd place finish with a time of 26:02.1. Eric Malnati '13 concluded the scoring with a 33rd place finish with a time of 26:33.0. Also running for the Friars



COURTESY OF FRANCIS HERNANDEZ

Providence's Lee Carey '12 won first place in the Big East Championship over the weekend.

were Francis Hernandez '14 (37th, 26:28.5) and Ahmed Ali '13 (26:50.3). Providence College finished with 84 points, only 25 points behind the winner and host, Syracuse University.

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Friars Earn Second Conference Win

by Alexis Smith '12
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MEN'S HOCKEY

The Men's Hockey Team earned Hockey East Team of the Week honors after last weekend's games. The Friars beat UMass-Amherst 3-2 and improved to 2-4-1 overall and 2-2-1 in Hockey East on Saturday, Oct. 30. The game was played at home in Schneider Arena and the Friars scored on two powerplays to clinch the victory against the Minutemen, who now stand at 0-4-2 overall and 0-2-2 in the league.

"[It was] an exciting weekend for us," said assistant captain Matt Germain '11. "Overall we played really well. We played fast and stuck to the game plan."

The Friars took the lead early in the first period at 8:06, when Ben Farrer '11 and Kyle MacKinnon '11 skated on a two-on-one rush. Farrer calmly slid a pass over to MacKinnon who fired the puck into the net for his team-leading fifth goal of the season.

The second assist came from Kevin Hart '14. The second goal came on a power play at 16:07 into the period. The goal was scored by Aaron Jannick '13 with assists by Daniel New '12 and Derek Army '14 as the Friars increased their lead to 2-0. The Minutemen decreased the Friars' lead to 2-1 when they scored 41 seconds later.

"It was a positive game for us to



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO

Ian O'Connor '11 scored Providence's game winning goal against UMass on Saturday.

finish the five game swing on the road and finish with a point," said Friars Head Coach Tim Army.

A scoreless second period led them into the second intermission. In the

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Marcin's Two Goals Lift Friars in Shutout of Wildcats

Providence Will Play Georgetown in the Second Round of the Tournament on Saturday

by John Sessions '12
Sports Staff

MEN'S SOCCER

After securing the fifth seed in the Big East Blue Division with a stunning 1-0 victory over West Virginia on Saturday, Oct. 30 (on Senior Night nonetheless), the Men's Soccer Team defeated Villanova, 3-0, on Wednesday, Nov. 3 in a Big East Championship First Round match played in Villanova, Pa. It marked the third consecutive season that the Friars and Wildcats met in the first round, the Friars prevailing each time to advance to the quarterfinals. Greg Davis '14 scored late in the first half, while Matt Marcin '11 added two goals in the second half to lead the way for Providence, which is now unbeaten in its last six matches (5-0-1), including five consecutive victories. Villanova ended its season at 8-8-3.

"We played well," said Head Coach Chaka Daley. "It was a tough game. I don't think the score is really indicative of how tough of a game it was, but we are pleased to be moving on to the next round."

The Wildcats nearly took the lead in the 23rd minute when Dylan Renna's strike from 25 yards out hit the post, but the Friars responded and jumped ahead to 1-0 lead with 2:26 remaining before the halftime whistle as Davis '14 netted his third goal of the season. Wilder Arboleda '13 played a pass down the left



DAN NIETO '11/THE COWL

Matt Marcin '11 scored two of Providence's goals against Villanova in the first round of the Big East Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Villanova goalkeeper Chris Bresnahan. Just 1:30 into the second half, Marcin '11 gave the Friars a 2-0 lead when he scored the first of his two goals. Marc Cintron '13 beat his defender down the right flank and played a cross to Marcin who fired a left-footed shot into the left corner of the net. Marcin, who last season scored a spectacular game winner at Villanova in the Big East Championship First Round, sealed the victory in the 64th minute as he avoided

ball into the net. Cintron '13 also assisted on Marcin's second goal to match his career-high two assists.

With the victory, Providence advances to the quarterfinals of the Big East Championship where it will face Blue Division Champion Georgetown on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C.

"The players are excited and rejuvenated as a result of a tough start in the Big East going 0-4," Daley said. "But the character of the senior class has come

to the challenge and we ended 4-4-1 in the league, advanced to the playoffs for the 6th straight season, and are moving in the right direction at the right time in the season."

Indeed, the Friars are certainly moving in the right direction. In addition to an already fantastic week for the team, it was announced that Providence goalkeeper Jhojan Obando '12 and Andrew Sousa '11 were named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll on Monday, Nov. 1 after leading the Friars to a pair of wins last week.

Obando '12 made six saves in Providence's 2-1 win at Seton Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 27. He also stopped four shots as the Friars shutout West Virginia, 1-0, on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Glay Field. It marked Obando's fifth shutout this season. Sousa '11 scored a career-high two goals to lead the Friars past Seton Hall, 2-1.

And if this news wasn't enough, Bryan Minogue '11 was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) / ESPN Academic All-District 1 Second Team on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

"The senior class of Daly, McClure, Sousa, Marcin, Minogue, and Pereira have been very influential and have made their mark by setting a standard of excellence and expectation of success," said Coach Daley. "We are all hopeful that it ends in a very special way by making history and making it in to the NCAA tournament and playing at Red Bull Arena for the